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of
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OF CANADA
IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO



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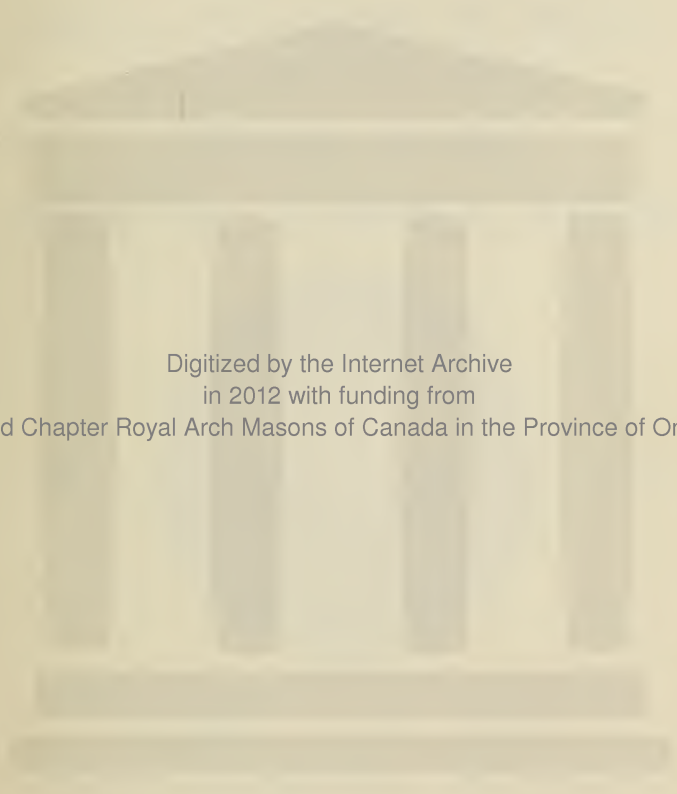
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TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25 and 26

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STANLEY PORTCH

Grand Z.

R.R. No. 2, 5059 Walker's Line

MILTON, ONTARIO

ROBERT J. HAMILTON

Grand Scribe E.

514 Temple Bldg.

TORONTO 1, ONTARIO

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH . . .

STANLEY PORTCH

Most Excellent Grand First Principal

Born in Toronto May 24th, 1912.

Son of Alfred Woodruffe and Hazel Maude Portch.

Married September 4th, 1930, to Margaret Isabell Wood.

They have two children, a daughter Margaret Isabell, and a son Stanley Elias, both are married.

Educated in Toronto.

Religion—Member of Zimmerman United Church, and secretary of the Board of Stewards.

Business—Special Representative for Standard Brands of Canada.

Civic Activities—Provincial Representative for the Halton County Health Unit. Member of Big Brother Association of Hamilton.

Masonic Record—Life Member of Oakville Lodge No. 400, Oakville, where he was initiated, passed and raised November 1941. He served as Wor. Master in 1946. In 1966 he was appointed to the office of Grand Junior Deacon of the Grand Lodge of Canada A.F. & A.M. in the Province of Ontario.

He was exalted in White Oak Chapter No. 104 Oakville, and served the office of first Principal in 1947. Was elected District Supt., Hamilton District No. 5 in 1952. He has been a member of the Grand Executive for the years 1959 to 1964. In 1965 was elected to the office of Grand Second Principal, and in 1967 became Grand First Principal. He is the Gr. Rep. of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Nova Scotia, a charter member of King David Chapter No. 262, Burlington, an honorary member of St. Clair Chapter No. 75, Milton. Is a Past President of Principals' Association, Hamilton District No. 5. For services rendered to the Grand Chapter of N.B. was made an Honourary Past Grand Third Principal of that Grand Chapter. Was annointed, and consecrated to the Order of High Priesthood in April, 1962. Is a member of Godfrey de Boullion Preceptory No. 3 Hamilton, and Harrington Conclave No. 16 of the Masonic and Military Orders of Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine K.H.S., and St. John the Evangelist, presently serving the office of Viceroy. Is a member of Rameses Shrine AAONMS Toronto. In addition to the above Masonic activities he is a Trustee of the Masonic Temple Board, Oakville.

Clubs—Member of Boulevard Club, Toronto.

His hobbies are Riding and Farming.

R. Ex. Comp. Harry Freeman	as Grand Principal Sojourner
R. Ex. Comp. Irving Ingles	Grand Registrar
V. Ex. Comp. David Miller	Grand Senior Sojourner
V. Ex. Comp. James Turnbull	as Grand Junior Sojourner
V. Ex. Comp. Edgar C. Shunk	Grand D. of C.
V. Ex. Comp. M. H. Hewitt	as Grand Organist
V. Ex. Comp. Dr. D. C. Davey	as Grand Outer Guard

and the following assisting:

R. Ex. Comps. Dr. George E. Turner, Albert G. Sullivan, Lorne Jackson, L. G. Parliament, Leo J. Gent, Milton Gottlieb, E. G. Rixon; V. Ex. Comps. Carl R. Kincaid, F. Longthorne, C. P. McElroy, W. P. Price; Ex. Comp. Gordon A. Braby and others.

Grand Chapter was opened in Due Form at 9:00 p.m. when the Grand First Principal announced that the especial Convocation had been called for the purpose of dedicating the Chapter Room for King Darius Chapter No. 134 G.R.C. of Cannington, Ontario. The ceremony being concluded the Most Excellent Grand First Principal closed Grand Chapter in Due Form at 9:55 p.m.

ROBERT J. HAMILTON,
Grand Scribe E.

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GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

An especial Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario, was held in the Masonic Temple of Colborne, Ontario, on the Twenty-second of November, A.D. 1966, A. Inv. 2496.

PRESENT

M. Ex. Comp. Maurice A. Searle	acting Grand Z.	} Grand Council
R. Ex. Comp. Stanley Portch	Grand H.	
R. Ex. Comp. F. W. D. Welham	acting Grand J.	
R. Ex. Comp. James A. Bird	Grand Superintendent	
Ontario District No. 10		
R. Ex. Comp. Rev. James A. Payton	Grand Chaplain	
V. Ex. Comp. Ken McQuoid	as Grand Treasurer	
R. Ex. Comp. Robert J. Hamilton	Grand Scribe E.	
V. Ex. Comp. P. E. Kerr	as Grand Scribe N.	
R. Ex. Comp. Lloyd Gillespie	as Grand Principal Sojourner	
R. Ex. Comp. Irving Ingles	Grand Registrar	
V. Ex. Comp. David Miller	Grand Senior Sojourner	
R. Ex. Comp. W. H. Gummer	as Grand Junior Sojourner	
V. Ex. Comp. Edgar C. Shunk	Grand D. of C.	
V. Ex. Comp. M. H. Hewitt	as Grand Organist	
R. Ex. Comp. George A. MacLeod	as Grand Outer Guard	

and the following assisting:

R. Ex. Comps. Joseph Hessey, Albert G. Sullivan, Burton Woodbeck, Fred Fairfield, Leo Gent, Fred Scott, Gordon Brown, George A. Phillips, Orval Kelly, D. D. M. Peebles, Harry Ewing, Lloyd G. Parliament, Lorne E. Vaughan, Delmer Huff, Cyril McMullen and W. Baker; V. Ex. Comps. R. H. Seymour, Percy Price, George McCombe, C. T. Sherry, Dr. D. C. Davey, G. P. Marshall and C. P. McElroy; also a number of Ex. Companions.

Grand Chapter was opened in Due Form at 8:45 p.m. when the Grand First Principal announced that the especial Convocation had been called for the purpose of dedicating the Chapter room for Excelsior Chapter No. 45 G.R.C. of Colborne, Ontario. The ceremony being

concluded the Most Excellent Grand First Principal closed Grand Chapter in Due Form at 9:45 p.m.

Seal

ROBERT J. HAMILTON,
Grand Scribe E.

GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

An especial Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario, was held in the Masonic Temple of Lindsay, Ontario, on the Fourteenth of January, A.D. 1967, A. Inv. 2497.

PRESENT

M. Ex. Comp. James E. Girven.....	Grand Z. }	Grand Council
R. Ex. Comp. Stanley Portch.....	Grand H. }	
R. Ex. Comp. G. Harold Shannon.....	Grand J. }	
R. Ex. Comp. Jamies A. Bird.....	Grand Superintendent	
	Ontario District No. 10	
R. Ex. Comp. Rev. James A. Payton.....	Grand Chaplain	
R. Ex. Comp. Albert G. Sullivan.....	as Grand Treasurer	
R. Ex. Comp. Robert J. Hamilton.....	Grand Scribe E.	
R. Ex. Comp. Albert Baldwin.....	as Grand Scribe N.	
R. Ex. Comp. C. C. McMullen.....	as Grand Principal Sojourner	
R. Ex. Comp. Irving Ingles.....	Grand Registrar	
V. Ex. Comp. David Miller.....	Grand Senior Sojourner	
R. Ex. Comp. D. D. M. Peebles.....	as Grand Junior Sojourner	
V. Ex. Comp. Edgar C. Shunk.....	Grand D. of C.	
R. Ex. Comp. Norman Hewitt.....	as Grand Organist	
R. Ex. Comp. Lloyd G. Parliament.....	as Grand Outer Guard	

and the following assisting:

R. Ex. Comps. Joseph Hessey, Burton Woodbeck, John D. Calder, Fred W. D. Welham, Leo J. Gent, Gordon K. Brown, Milton Gottlieb, Dr. W. C. Blackwell, B. Pammett; V. Ex. Comps. Dr. D. C. Davey, Percy E. Kerr, George McCombe, W. Percy Price, Edward Marshall; Ex. Comps. Carl Bedford, Irvine Fisher and others.

Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form at 9:20 p.m. when the Grand First Principal announced that the especial Convocation had been called for the purpose of dedicating the Chapter room for Midland Chapter No. 94 G.R.C. of Lindsay, Ontario. The ceremony being concluded the Most Excellent Grand First Principal closed Grand Chapter in Ample Form at 10:15 p.m.

Seal

ROBERT J. HAMILTON,
Grand Scribe E.

GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

An especial Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario, was held in the Masonic Temple of Preston, Ontario, on the Twenty-first of January, A.D. 1967, A. Inv. 2497.

PRESENT

M. Ex. Comp. James E. Girven.....	Grand Z. }	Grand Council
R. Ex. Comp. Stanley Portch.....	Grand H. }	
R. Ex. Comp. G. Harold Shannon.....	Grand J. }	
R. Ex. Comp. Oliver Thomas Flint.....	Grand Superintendent	
	Wellington District No. 4	
Comp. Rev. Charles Donald.....	as Grand Chaplain	
V. Ex. Comp. James Turnbull.....	as Grand Treasurer	

R. Ex. Comp. Robert J. Hamilton	Grand Scribe E.
R. Ex. Comp. Albert Baldwin	as Grand Scribe N.
R. Ex. Comp. L. C. Ewener	as Grand Principal Sojourner
R. Ex. Comp. Milton Gottlieb	as Grand Registrar
V. Ex. Comp. Thomas Huggins	as Grand Senior Sojourner
V. Ex. Comp. R. J. Brown	Grand Junior Sojourner
V. Ex. Comp. Edgar C. Shunk	Grand D. of C.
V. Ex. Comp. J. T. Wallace	as Grand Organist
R. Ex. Comp. C. G. Livingston	as Grand Outer Guard

and the following assisting:

M. Ex. Comp. Fraser Hay, M.D.; R. Ex. Comps. Joseph Hessey, John O. Meckbach, John D. Calder, O. G. Oke, Albert G. Sullivan, Leo J. Gent, Frederick Scott, F. W. D. Welham, L. C. Ewener, G. K. Brown, Albert Martin, D. D. M. Peebles, A. C. Mason, Bernard Robinson, Walter J. Leach, Arthur Jeffkins, Donald Van Norman, L. E. Morphy, V. Ex. Comps. Edward Marshall, W. McCall, Dr. D. C. Davey, C. T. Sherry, T. Welch, R. J. Brown, Edwin Harrop, W. E. James, Douglas Kidd; Ex. Comp. T. Illengworth.

Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form at 8:35 p.m. when the Grand First Principal announced that the especial Convocation had been called for the purpose of dedicating the Chapter room for Preston Chapter No. 245 G.R.C. of Preston, Ontario. The ceremony being concluded the Most Excellent Grand First Principal closed Grand Chapter in Ample Form at 9:40 p.m.

Seal

ROBERT J. HAMILTON,

Grand Scribe E.

GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

PROCEEDINGS

The One Hundred and Ninth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario held in the Royal York Hotel, Toronto, Canada, on April 25 and 26, 1967.

M. Ex. Comp. James E. Girven	Grand Z.	} Grand Council
R. Ex. Comp. Stanley Portch	Grand H.	
R. Ex. Comp. G. Harold Shannon	Grand J.	

PAST GRAND Zs

M. Ex. Comps. John M. Burden, R. V. Conover, Fred W. Dean, A. G. N. Bradshaw, John L. House, Maurice A. Searle, Bruce H Smith, Charles W. Emmett, Fraser Hay, M.D.

R. Ex. Comp. Rev. James A. Payton	Grand Chaplain
M. Ex. Comp. Fred W. Dean	Grand Treasurer
R. Ex. Comp. Robert J. Hamilton	Grand Scribe E.
R. Ex. Comp. Daniel Cooper	Grand Scribe N.
R. Ex. Comp. Ephraim Hudson	Grand Principal Sojourner
V. Ex. Comp. David Miller	Grand Senior Sojourner
V. Ex. Comp. R. John Brown	Grand Junior Sojourner
R. Ex. Comp. Irving Ingles	Grand Registrar
V. Ex. Comp. Edgar Cecil Shunk	Grand Director of Ceremonies
V. Ex. Comp. D. S. MacLachlan	Grand Outer Guard

GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS

St. Clair District No. 1	R. Ex. Comp. George E. Turner
London District No. 2	R. Ex. Comp. Joseph Hessey
Wilson District No. 3	R. Ex. Comp. John Otto Meckbach
Wellington District No. 4	R. Ex. Comp. Oliver Thomas Flint
Hamilton District No. 5	R. Ex. Comp. John Daniel Calder
Huron District No. 6	R. Ex. Comp. Orville Garfield Oke

Niagara District No. 7	R. Ex. Comp. Herman Stanley Winkworth
Toronto East District No. 8	R. Ex. Comp. Albert Baldwin
Toronto West District No. 8A	R. Ex. Comp. Albert G. Sullivan
Georgian District No. 9	R. Ex. Comp. Gordon Sidford Hudson
Ontario District No. 10	R. Ex. Comp. James Arthur Bird
Prince Edward District No. 11	R. Ex. Comp. Burton Woodbeck
St. Lawrence District No. 12	R. Ex. Comp. Edwin Alexander Barnard
Ottawa District No. 13	R. Ex. Comp. Fred Fairfield
Algoma District No. 14	R. Ex. Comp. Philip Sixten Moline
New Ontario District No. 15	R. Ex. Comp. Albert James Mellis
Temiskaming District No. 16	R. Ex. Comp. William Alex Bowman

GRAND CHAPTER OPENED

A constitutional number of Chapters being represented by their qualified officers, the One Hundred and Ninth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario was opened in Ample Form at 10 a.m.

The Grand First Principal James E. Girven announced: "All Royal Arch Masons, in good standing and properly vouched for, will be made welcome during the Convocation.

ANNUAL CONVOCATION, TORONTO 1967 DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

The following distinguished guests were introduced by the Grand Director of Ceremonies V. Ex. Comp. Edgar C. Shunk and assistants:

GRAND COUNCIL OF THE ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD OF ONTARIO

V. Ex. Comp. Samuel J. Sword, M. Ex. President

GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS OF ONTARIO

M. Ill. Comp. Eldon W. Mitchell, Grand Master

THE SOVEREIGN GREAT PRIORY OF CANADA OF THE UNITED ORDERS OF MALTA AND THE TEMPLE

M. Em. Grand Chancellor Charles E. Wells, representing M. Em. Knight Walter E. Montgomery, Superme Grand Master

THE RED CROSS OF CONSTANTINE, GRAND IMPERIAL CON-CLAVE OF CANADA

R. Ex. Comp. F. Carl Ackert, M. Ill. Grand Sovereign

GRAND LODGE A.F. AND A.M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

M.W. Bro. and Ex. Comp. James N. Allan, Grand Master

M.W. Bro. and Ex. Comp. Ewart G. Dixon, Grand Secretary

MOST EXCELLENT GRAND CHAPTER ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF CONNECTICUT

Charles A White, M.E. Grand High Priest

THE GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS

Dr. Ralph G. Larsen, M.E. Grand High Priest

GRAND CHAPTER ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF MANITOBA

M. Ex. Comp. Wilford N. Cotton, Grand First Principal

GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF MARYLAND

Rocco Bernard, M.E. Grand High Priest

GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF MASSACHUSETTS

M. Ex. Charles A. Cross, Grand High Priest

GRAND CHAPTER ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF MICHIGAN

Dorr N. Wiltes, Sr., Grand High Priest

THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF NEW BRUNSWICK

M. Ex. Comp. George B. Pearson, First Grand Principal
M. Ex. Comp. W. Y. Leeman, Past First Grand Principal

GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Francis L. Palisted, M.E. Grand High Priest

GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

M. Ex. Comp. George W. Grant, Grand High Priest

THE GRAND CHAPTER OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

R. Ex. Comp. George S. Mason, Deputy Grand High Priest

THE GRAND HOLY ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF PENNSYLVANIA

Arthur R. Diamond, M.E. Grand High Priest

W. Irvine Weist, P.G.H.P. and Our Grand Rep.

THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF QUEBEC

M. Ex. Comp. W. Gordon Parker, Grand First Principal

GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

M. Ex. Comp. Wallace Adams, Grand High Priest

GRAND CHAPTER ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF SASKATCHEWAN

M. Ex. Comp. Gerry L. Cook, Grand First Principal

GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF VIRGINIA

M. Ex. Comp. Richard M. Hamrick Jr., Grand High Priest

GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF THE STATE OF VERMONT

Reginald A. Barnard, M.E. Grand High Priest

Ex. Comp. Welland S. Horn, Grand Chaplain

GRAND Z's ADDRESS OF WELCOME

M. Ex. Sirs and My Companions:

To have greeted our distinguished guests personally has been a real pleasure, and now I would like to express a warm and fraternal welcome to all those attending our 109th Convocation of this Grand Chapter.

It is a delight and a pleasure to welcome the representatives from our sister jurisdictions in Canada:

FROM MANITOBA—M. Ex. Comp. Wilford N. Cotton.

FROM NEW BRUNSWICK—M. Ex. Comp. George B. Pearson and M. Ex. Comp. Y. W. Leeman.

FROM QUEBEC—M. Ex. Comp. W. Gordon Parker.

FROM SASKATCHEWAN—M. Ex. Comp. Gerry L. Cook.

We hope your visit with us will be both interesting and profitable.

It is always a pleasure to extend the hand of friendship and brotherly love to those representing our sister jurisdictions from the United States of America. Your presence adds so much to our Grand Convocation and we assure you that you would be sadly missed if you were unable to be with us.

It is a further delight for me to welcome each of you because of the warm hospitality you extended to me at your Grand Convocations.

FROM THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT:

M. Ex. Comp. Charles A. White, Grand High Priest.

FROM THE STATE OF ILLINOIS:

M. Ex. Comp. Dr. Ralph G. Larsen, Grand High Priest

FROM THE STATE OF MARYLAND:

M. Ex. Comp. Rocco Bernard, Grand High Priest.

FROM THE STATE OF MASSACHUSETTS:

M. Ex. Comp. Charles A. Cross, Grand High Priest.

FROM THE STATE OF MICHIGAN:

M. Ex. Comp. Dorr N. Wiltse, Sr., Grand High Priest.

FROM THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE:

M. Ex. Comp. Francis L. Plaisted, Grand High Priest.

FROM THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY:

M. Ex. Comp. George W. Grant, Grand High Priest.

FROM THE STATE OF NEW YORK:

M. Ex. Comp. George S. Mason, Deputy Grand High Priest.

FROM THE STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA:

M. Ex. Comp. Arthur R. Diamond, and M. Ex. Comp. W. Irvine.

FROM THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS:

M. Ex. Comp. Wallace Adams, Grand High Priest.

FROM THE STATE OF VIRGINIA:

M. Ex. Comp. Richard M. Hamrick, Jr., Grand High Priest.

FROM THE STATE OF VERMONT:

M. Ex. Comp. Reginald A. Barnard, Grand High Priest, and Ex. Comp. Welland S. Horn, Grand Chaplain.

A welcome, M. Ex. Companions to this Grand Chapter, that is most sincere.

Once again it is a pleasure and a delight to have with us today the leaders of other branches of Masonry.

1. M. Ill. Comp. Eldon W. Mitchell, Grand Master Grand Council of Royal and Select Master of Ontario.
2. M. Em. Grand Chancellor Charles E. Wells, representing the M. Em. the Supreme Grand Master of Sovereign Great Priory of Canada.
3. M. Ex. Grand President Samuel J. Sword, Grand Council of the Order of High Priesthood.
4. M. Ill. Grand Sovereign, F. Carl Ackert, The Red Cross of Constantine, Grand Imperial Conclave of Canada, and a member of our Grand Executive.

We appreciate your presence and thank you for being with us.

You will note that I have reserved the place of honour for M. Wor. Bro. and Ex. Comp. James N. Allan.

We are pleased to extend to you personally, our most loyal greetings. That you have accepted our invitation to be present is the best evidence of your personal interest in the Royal Craft. We are not unmindful of the duty we owe to symbolic Masonry which provides the foundation for our whole structure. We pledge our loyalty to Grand Lodge and to you, M. Worshipful Sir, as our dedicated Grand Master.

Again I tender our greetings and sincere welcome to our Grand Secretary, M. Wor. Bro. and Ex. Comp. Ewart Dixon, Secretary of Grand Lodge. Your regular attendance at our Convocation of Grand Chapter is most appreciated.

Finally, companions, a hearty and warm welcome to all companions to this our 109th Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

By the Grand Chaplain R. Ex. Comp. Rev. James A. Payton

Organist: Ex. Comp. Joseph Neal

Invocation Prayer—Almighty God, Supreme Governor of the Universe, be pleased to abide with us at this Convocation, guide all our deliberations, and bless our fellowship, that it may be to thine honour and glory, and deepen our devotion to thy Cause and Kingdom. We praise Thee for sparing us to meet again in the interests of our beloved fraternity. We sincerely give Thee thanks for restoring our Most Ex. Companion James Girven to better health, and enabling him to assume his devoted leadership among us. We are grateful for him, and all that are associated with him, in the cause of Royal Arch Masonry. Be with us throughout this Convocation, and enable us in the days to come, to serve Thee as Thou deservest, to give and not to count the cost, to

fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labour and not to seek any other reward save that of knowing we do thy will. This we ask for thy great name's sake. Amen.

Most Ex. Sir, Distinguished Guests and Companions:—It is with sincere regret that we learn of the loss by death of 521 companions of this grand jurisdiction, among which were many dedicated Royal Arch Masons, and not the least among them was Most Ex. Companion Melville S. Gooderham. These companions of our are physically dead, but according to vs. 4 of Hebrews 11, they are still speaking, and may continue to do so for a long time. Death, my companions, never has the last word in the life of an earnest resolute person. There are people, even masons, who live such shallow, insipid lives that they never speak with ANY authority, at any time, let alone after they are dead. They are not like Studdert Kennedy, a padre in the first World War, who wrote:

How do I know that God is good? I don't.
 I gamble like a man. I bet my life
 Upon one side in life's great war. I must,
 I can't stand out. I must take sides. The man
 Who is a neutral in this fight is not
 A man. He's bulk and body without breath,
 Cold leg of lamb without mint sauce. A fool,
 He make me sick. Good Lord. Weak tea. Cold slops.
 I want to live, live out, not wobble through
 My life somehow, and then into the dark.
 I must have God. This life's too dull without,
 Too dull for naught for suicide.

There are many ways a resolute life goes on speaking after death. Neither our good nor our evil are ever interred with our bones, both continue to effect this world long after we have been gathered to our fathers. This would be a much better world, and easier to live in, if only the influence of the righteous dead survived. The world is still affected by the evil virus of Adolph Hitler and his henchmen, the fire which they lit is still smouldering. What we ARE, and what we SAY and DO, have far more influence upon the world than we ever realize, this influential energy doesn't suddenly end when we die, but, continues even after death. Therefore, as masons, we should take care that our lives are influences for good, NOT EVIL. Every mason ought to be an asset to the world about him, and never at any time a LIABILITY.

After we are dead we shall continue speaking through the wills we make, therefore we should make them with great care, and much prayer. In making a will we should be guided by the altruistic principle, leaving whatever we have, whether little or much, for the greatest good. I don't think we should leave a lot to relatives, unless they need it, as long as there are more needy causes to serve. Some years ago I officiated at the funeral of a man of means who had made a very thoughtful will. He provided well for his wife, left something to close relatives but the bulk of his estate was left in investments, the interests of which made annual contributions to his Church, and several others, gave annual assistance to needy persons in the community, and provided annual bursaries for local students at the university. This man died about ten years ago, but he is still speaking beneficially to his community.

Most of us shall be speaking through our children one way or another, and possibly through our grandchildren too. We are not wholly responsible for the lives of our children, as they are also the products of their environment, as well as of our home and influence. If we are true master masons we shall be devoted, faithful parents, moulding the lives of our children, by precept and example, with virtue, honour and mercy. There are exceptions I know, but generally if parents nurture

their children in godliness and truth they will be a credit to them. Such children WILL be beneficial spokesmen for their parents, even though they be dead. After our decease we shall also speak through our Church associations, and our lodges, THAT is, if we are more than nominal members. A senior citizen of our community was telling me the other day of a Sunday School teacher who gave vision and direction to his life over fifty years ago. Although this teacher is dead she was still speaking through the life and family of one of her difficult boys. There are many ways in which we effect the future, either for good or ill, even after we have passed away. If we are true Royal Arch Masons we shall be an asset NOW as WELL as in the future, both to our community and the world at large. We shall continue to be co-workers with God, the Master Builder, tomorrow, as well as today, and God will use every influence and power we dedicate, for his honour and glory, and the enrichment and redemption of all mankind.

God give us men the time demands
 Strong minds, great hearts, true faith, and willing hands.
 Men whom the lust of lucre does not kill,
 Men whom the spoils of office cannot buy,
 Men who possess opinions and a will,
 Who can stand before a demagogue
 And damn his treacherous flatteries without winking.
 Tall men, sun crowned, who live above the fog
 In public duty, and in private thinking,
 For while the rabble with their thumb worn creeds,
 Their large professions and little deeds
 Mingle in selfish strife, Lo freedom weeps,
 Wrong rules the land, and waiting Justice sleeps.

PRAYER—Eternal God, in whom we live and move, and have our being, help us to praise Thee as we ought, to serve Thee as we should, and to love Thee with all our being. We give Thee sincere and hearty thanks for all the benefits so graciously bestowed upon us. Help us to live grateful and helpful lives, lives of joyous faith and devoted service. Comfort the families of our deceased companions, and console them with the assurance of Thy presence and the promises of eternal life. Remember in thy mercy, M. Ex. Comp. Fred Dean and his wife and be with them in their afflictions. Make our fraternity a means of grace to all mankind, and help us to make our Dominion great. Give us a convincing faith which issues in a useful life which helps to build a world of brotherhood and peace. Amen.

PRESENTATION OF PAST GRAND Z's

The Grand Z., Most Ex. Comp. James E. Girven, requested the Grand Director of Ceremonies, V. Ex. Comp. Edgar C. Shunk, to present the living Past Grand Z's. The following were present:

M. Ex. Comp. John L. House, 1955-56.
 M. Ex. Comp. Maurice A. Searle, 1957-58.
 M. Ex. Comp. Bruce H. Smith, 1959-60.
 M. Ex. Comp. Charles W. Emmett, 1961-62.
 M. Ex. Comp. Fraser Hay, M.D., 1963-64.

The Grand First Principal James E. Girven extended a very sincere and cordial welcome to the Past Grand Z's, after which Grand Honors were accorded.

M. Ex. Comp. Girven expressed the regrets of our Grand Treasurer, M. Ex. Comp. Fred Dean and M. Ex. Comp. A. G. N. Bradshaw of their inability to be present at this Convocation due to illness, and of their wishes that the Convocation would be most successful; also of M. Ex. Comp. J. M. Burden who was vacationing outside Canada.

The Grand Scribe E. was directed to send the following telegram to M. Ex. Comp's. Dean and Bradshaw: "The Grand Executive sends our affectionate greetings and regrets that you are unable to be with us at this Convocation", with a letter of regret to M. Ex. Comp. Burden.

TORONTO DISTRICTS 8 & 8A ADDRESS OF WELCOME

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, James E. Girven, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario; distinguished guests from sister jurisdictions in Canada and the United States, and the representatives from other Masonic orders, the Companions of Toronto Districts No. 8 and No. 8A take pleasure in bidding you welcome and conveying to you our fraternal greetings on this the 109th Annual Convocation of Royal Arch Masons.

Most Excellent Sir:

Your term of office as Grand Z will shortly be completed, but before your duties expire we, the Principals and Companions of the two Toronto Districts, wish to extend to you our sincere thanks and appreciation for all you have contributed to Capitular Masonry during your two years of office.

The Companions of the two Toronto Districts know that it is only by the Grace of God and your own determination to fulfill your duties that we have the honour and privilege of having you with us at this Convocation.

Most Excellent Sir, you have earned the admiration, esteem and respect of all the Companions not only of the Toronto Districts, but throughout the entire jurisdiction. We are happy and honoured to have served under you for the past two years, and it is our sincere wish that the Great Jehovah will spare you for many years to give freely of your wisdom and support to Capitular Masonry.

To show our sincere affection for you, we ask you to accept, on behalf of all the Companions of the twenty-nine Chapters, this token of our remembrance and appreciation.

Presented on behalf of the Royal Arch Chapters of the two Toronto Districts.

District No. 8—St. Andrew and St. John No. 4; G. F. Long, 1966; G. F. Long, 1967. King Solomon's No. 8—C. Smyth, 1966; E. J. Barbour, 1967. York No. 62—S. Kell, 1966; E. W. Brooks, 1967. St. Paul's No. 65—C. E. Davis, 1966; C. E. Davis, 1967. Orient, No. 79—H. Johnson, 1966; A. I. Cook, 1967. Succoth No. 135—R. J. Warren, 1966; C. C. Puterbaugh, 1967. The St. Patrick No. 145—L. A. Moore, 1966; S. B. Hills, 1967. The Beaches No. 163—F. S. Dickens, 1966; F. S. Dickens, 1967. Victoria No 205—W. Cameron, 1966; C. Smith, 1967. St. Alban's No. 217—F. Elcombe, 1966; H. E. Evans, 1967. Beaver No. 225—D. Magee, 1966; W. D. Sturch, 1967. Aurora No. 235—C. Henshaw, 1966; J. V. O'Connor, 1967. University No. 241—S. H. Porter, 1966; D. F. Johnston, 1967. Tyrian No. 258—J. L. Bacon, 1966; W. Smalley, 1967. The Scarborough No. 263—H. C. May, 1966; T. G. Colby, 1967.

Albert H. Baldwin, Grand Superintendent, Toronto District No. 8; Colin C. Kerr, Secretary.

District No. 8A—Occident No. 77—J. Henderson, 1966; J. Wakefield, 1967. Toronto Antiquity No. 91—H. W. Powell, 1966; H. W. Powell, 1967. Shekinah No. 138—E. H. Moyle, 1966; M. A. Van Wamelen, 1967. Peel No. 195—J. L. McKane, 1966; W. Sproule, 1967. Mount Sinai No. 212—M. Gottlieb, 1966; M. Sandler, 1967. Mimico No. 215—E. Gillotson, 1967; R. L. Youkers, 1967. Ulster No. 219—P. Gallagher, 1966; J. Crawford, 1967. Lebanon No. 220—S. V. Meakings, 1966; A. Grant, 1967. Port Credit No. 230—W. Garrod, 1966; N. Horruzey, 1967. St. Clair No.

231—J. C. Crockatt, 1966; H. Ross, 1967. King Cyrus No. 232—J. P. Jollymore, 1966; A. S. Currie, 1967. Oakwood No. 233—H. F. Edwards, 1966; W. Oldham, 1967. Humber No. 246—G. C. Laing, 1966; K. J. Campbell, 1967. Centennial No. 260—W. C. Arch, 1966; L. Stroud, 1967. A. G. Sullivan, Grand Superintendent, Toronto District No. 8A; E. J. Ridgway, Secretary.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The Grand Scribe E. commenced reading the minutes of the Proceedings of the One Hundredth and Eighth Annual Convocation held in the city of Toronto when it was moved by R. Ex. Comp. Stanley Portch, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. G. H. Shannon:

Resolved—"That the Proceedings of the last Annual Convocation held Tuesday and Wednesday, April 26 and 27, 1966, have been printed and copies thereof sent to all the Chapters in this Jurisdiction, the recorded minutes be considered as read and the same is now confirmed."

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Resolved—"That the order of business of this Grand Convocation be changed at the discretion of the Grand Z."

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. Stanley Portch and seconded by R. Ex. Comp. G. H. Shannon, and—

COMMITTEE OF CREDENTIALS

R. Ex. Comp. James W. Woodland, chairman of the Credentials Committee, reported that there are 158 warranted Chapters on the roll of Grand Chapter of which 151 Chapters were represented by the following:

- 1 H. C. Babcock, Z; W. H. Gummer, R. G. Willis, W. C. F. Saunders, P.Z.'s
- 2 Bertram Baggaley, Z.; Joseph Neill, H.; Ralph J. Cocks, Edward M. Marshall, John Dewar, P.Z.'s.
- 3 Wm. A. Rigg, Z.; Bruce Thornley, J.; W. H. Parker, P.Z.
- 4 P. Emslie, H. J. McCaw, R. Dearden, Dr. O. B. Dickinson, K. L. Bellamy, P.Z.'s.
- 5 Roy Vincent West, Z.; Malcolm McRae, H.; William Wilson, J.; Arthur W. Ayre, James A. Kennedy, Sophus Pedersen, P.Z.'s.
- 6 Fred Scott, P.Z.
- 7 Wm. Allan Dempsey, Z.; Eugene Harrison, H.; William Connor, J.; Everett Carl Wood, Clarence Meyers, Lorne E. Vaughan, Herbert Thomas Adams, P.Z.'s.
- 8 Edward J. Babour, Z.; James C. Graham, H.; Hubert Morrison, J.; William H. King, Arthur M. Otis, Gordon A. McConnell, Stanley Sleeman, Leonard Roberts, Sidney Burscough, Gerald Plumpton, Charles Smyth, P.Z.'s.
- 15 Wm. Crisp, L. C. Ewener, P.Z.'s.
- 16 Paul Naish, Z.; Ernest Jackson, J.; Lloyd B. Gillespie, Harold W. Burmaster, Charles Compton, Wilson McDuffee, P.Z.'s.
- 18 J. J. Weber, I.P.Z.; G. Kenneth Mansell, John Meckbach, P.Z.'s.
- 19 John Phillip Hudson, William S. Coolin, Leonard McMann, Fred Chess, Evans Fowler Greer, P.Z.'s.
- 20 A. W. Cox, Z.; Jack R. Lovell, J.; R. W. E. McFadden, Charles Robert Simpson, P.Z.'s.
- 22 John Andrew Kelso, Z.; W. W. Whitney, P.Z.
- 23 T. C. Holland, I.P.Z.; Harvey S. Hutchinson, J.; Wm. Johnston, P.Z.
- 24 W. H. Capper, Z.; J. Blom, J.; R. H. Davies, H. J. Kastner, George Smith, George Kilah, P.Z.'s.
- 26 George Little, Z; G. L. Thompson, P.Z.; Rev. J. A. Payton, H.P.Z.

- 27 Thomas Borthwick, Z.; B. M. Conron, G. S. Hudson, J. A. Kilsby, E. Douthwaite, P.Z.'s.
- 28 E. R. Flutter, Z.; H. D. Powless, H.; A. G. Coppin, J. R. Wheeler, J. G. Magee, R. E. Temperton, P.Z.'s.
- 29 Ewart Cass, I.P.Z.
- 30 Earl Elliott, Z.; Leonard Boyce, H.; Harold W. Shore, J.; Hugh Hill, Henry T. Barker, Clarence MacDonald, William Ross, C. E. Laithwaite, John E. Westbrook, Wm. G. Treble, Wm. G. Leeson, P.Z.'s.
- 31 Frank Root, I.P.Z.; Frank Dulmage, Z.; James York, H.; Cecil Hambly, J..
- 32 Donald L. Attridge, Z.; Gordon J. Johnson, S.E.; F. C. Ackert, P.Z.
- 34 W. T. Kirkpatrick, H.P.Z.; R. A. Stewart, P.Z.
- 35 John D. Howard, Z.; Harold Melrose Douglas, H.; Bruce A Miner, J.; Wilbert Percy Price, P.Z.
- 36 F. F. Pullyblank, J.; J. E. Girven, B. H. Pammett, R. Mathews, J. W. Morrison, D. Miller, R. K. Burns, C. A. Bedford, P.Z.'s.
- 37 D. C. Davey, C. P. McElroy, P.Z.'s.
- 40 L. T. Smith, Wm. VanNorman, James A. Robertson, George Moss, O. T. Flint, Wilbert Smith, Wm. H. Quant, G. E. Milner, P.Z.'s.
- 41 L. L. Mansfield, H. R. Nagle, G. M. Cole, P.Z.'s.
- 44 Harry H. Taylor, Z.; A. V. Roy, F. K. Hill, C. G. Sexsmith, P.Z.'s.
- 45 D. D. M. Peebles, P.Z.
- 46 Earl Barber, Z.; William Hanly, H.; Herb Spalding, Clarence Dunseith, P.Z.'s.
- 47 James N. McDonald, I.P.Z.; William A. Evans, Z.; Gordon For, Reg. Meen, P.Z.'s.
- 48 William F. Thomson, I.P.Z.; W. Frank Davis, Z.; C. G. Wheatley, P.Z.
- 53 James A. McCabe, H.; E. E. Hayes, J.; Robert M. Story, Norman W. White, P.Z.'s.
- 54 T. Fred Longthorne, P.Z.
- 55 C. Larson, P.Z.
- 57 W. Cooper, Z.; D. Winn, D. Penwarden, C. McNeill, C. A. Winn, P.Z.'s.
- 59 R. H. Miller, Z.; A. Regan, P.Z.
- 62 S. S. Kell, I.P.Z.; E. Wm. Brooks, Z.; W. J. Grierson, C. M. Platten, G. W. Middleton, G. A. Cooper, D. B. Young, J. Shield, J. M. Hood, H. B. Wilkinson, D. B. Filsinger, P.Z.'s.
- 63 B. MacKinnon, Z.; J. W. McFadyen, P.Z.
- 64 R. G. Ohler, I.P.Z.; G. K. Brown, Z.; B. D. Penwarden, H.; N. W. Cooper, J.; N. J. Penwarden, B. C. Damude, E. C. Hudon, R. H. Dilamarter, J. C. L. McKeand, P.Z.'s.
- 65 Maxwell Clark, I.P.Z.; John F. Boehm, P.Z.
- 66 Clifford Britton, I.P.Z.; David McLean, Z.; M. E. Clarke, James Doig, J. W. Crich, W. J. F. Bell, A. Matheson, Orville Oke, Earl Campbell, P.Z.'s.
- 67 Fred Edwards, Anson Schneider, Frank B. Johnson, P.Z.'s.
- 68 Lorne Dool, Z.; Cecil D. Beckett, Ernest B. Dangerfield, Gideon J. J. Purcell, P.Z.'s.
- 69 H. H. Little, Z.; G. B. Lipsett, L. L. Lymburner, G. A. DeQuetteville, P.Z.'s.
- 72 John L. Good, Burton Woodbeck, P.Z.'s.
- 73 Alex Dick, Z.; P. L. Lalonde, A. W. Overfield, F. Yardley, P.Z.'s.
- 74 Wm. L. Fleming, Z.; Frank Hendry, H.; A. W. Holt, E. S. Moran, P.Z.'s.
- 75 Thomas Bradley, I.P.Z.; Andrew Woodley, Z.; Edwin Harrop, R. J. Hamilton, F. W. Chisholm, P.Z.'s.
- 76 Robert Philips, J.; G. E. French, C. L. Dill, N. F. Farrington, P.Z.'s.

- 77 James T. Henderson, I.P.Z.; Jack Wakeford, Z.; Frank Harris, J.; J. Woodland, H.P.Z.; S. E. Solley, Harold Smith, G. W. Elms, J. E. Jenkins, C. W. Emmett, E. K. Hogaboom, G. W. Cleverdon, P. Helm, C. Aikins, J. L. Dobson, A. L. Lee, P.Z.'s.
- 78 C. A. McGregor, P.Z.
- 79 Harland O. Johnson, I.P.Z.; Arthur I. Cook, Z.; Peter Pearson, H.; Ralph G. Macdonald, J.; Alfred H. Jones, George A. Duguid, Leslie Bramwell, Leith L. Querie, Walter Smith, Alf. Jas. Robert Moxon, Wm. Leslie Hyatt, Albert Ed. O'Halloran, Art. Burton, Douglas Jeffrey, P.Z.'s.
- 80 A. Ross Bourne. Clarence W. Flett, Dr. George E. Turner, Charles E. Hillman, P.Z.'s.
- 81 R. W. Stratton, H. P. Grant, P.Z.'s.
- 82 Ian Patrick Costello, Z.; William H. Cheetham, P.Z.
- 83 W. J. McCall, P.Z.
- 84 Alex Robertson, James Mair, Lawrie Cousins, P.Z.'s.
- 88 Richard Cadwallader, Edward H. Logan, Hugh M. Dunlop, Delbert J. McCaughrin, Thomas Ellis, P.Z.'s.
- 91 Alf. Geory, S.E.; J. Hewat, Clare Howes, Jack Bailey, L. W. L. Dixon, Wm. Hillis, E. J. Brown, Ron Coleman, H. W. Powell, P.Z.'s.
- 94 George McCombe, I.P.Z.; W. C. Blackwell, P.Z.
- 95 George Shute, J. MacKay, E. Smith, P.Z.'s.
- 102 E. E. McWilliams, Z.; E. C. Price, P.Z.
- 103 A. S. Haley, A. J. Mellis, P.Z.'s.
- 104 Donald Sutherland, Z.; Stan Portch, Gordon K. Brown, Charles T. Sherry, W. S. Thomson, P.Z.'s.
- 110 Stanley Cobourn, Z.; Morgan Durnford, H.; Harold B. Rayner, J.; H. S. Ewiny, Alan Buchanan, James Bird, P.Z.'s.
- 112 Gordon W. Thom, Z.; Y. W. Gorrell, L. D. Barkley, P.Z.'s.
- 113 T. A. Irwin, Z.
- 114 W J. Gilhooly, J.; H. W. Mayhew, D. W. Rostron, W. L. Byers, John R. New, A. Roy Headrick, Allan B. Poole, P.Z.'s.
- 115 Claude Spicer, Z.; Robert Sasse, P.Z.
- 116 A. J. Dickie, Z.; M. P. Morris, S.E.; W. H. Edwards, Treas.; A. W. Wright, O.G.; E. M. James, P.Z.
- 117 Frank L. Barrett, I.P.Z.; Thomas C. Boon, Z.; Allan C. Mason, Treas.; W. Roy Cooper, Wm. E. James, Ivan Marshall, W. J. Schneller, G. H. Shannon, P.Z.'s.
- 119 George Nelner, I.P.Z.; E. H. Brennan, H.P.Z.; A. S. H. Cree, A.P.Z.; B. E. Ellis, R. A. Willett, B. M. White, J. A. McIntyre, D. Robinson, H. Mills, W. Dales, P.Z.'s.
- 129 Kenneth E. Scott, Z.; Richard Thorne, H.; Mel Stewart, J.; E. J. Hingst, S.E.; Fergus Lannin, P.Z.
- 130 Lorne Evans, Z.; Dalton Moffatt, H.
- 133 G. A. Phillips, Jr., F. Fairfield, P.Z.'s.
- 134 Arthur Hackney, J.; L. Parliament, C. McPhail, R. Imhoff, P.Z.'s.
- 135 R. J. Warren, I.P.Z.; C G. Armstrong, H.; H. V. Watson, S.E.; C. W. Heard, L. M. Nicholls, Matthew Veitch, E. R. Fairman, J. D. Hill, N. E. Ballard, T. C. Croxall, W. J. Morgan, M. D. Feasby, R. W. Rodd, P.Z.'s.
- 138 Ernest H. Moyle, I.P.Z.; Martin Van Wamelen, Z.; Arthur D. Hamilton, H.; Eric G. Whalley, J.; Percy James, S.E.; Henry W. Clark, Treas.; Claude V. Elliott, Clifford E. Rich, A.P.Z.'s; E. H. Hughes, C. E. Wells, E. E. Dobson, B. W. Spencer, G. T. Ferguson, George Gunn, P.Z.'s.
- 140 Frank R. Maurice Page, Z.; David Harcus, P.Z.
- 144 George Kerr, P.J.; K. A. McQuoid, P.Z.

- 145 Maurice A. Searle, Richard L. Carr, Lance B. Morrison, Thomas R. Tompkins, Bower F. Forward, Robert A. Gibson, R. Sidney Woodward, P.Z.'s.
- 146 R. L. Zurbrigg, Z.; S. J. Coghlin, W. H. Sargent, Fraser Hay, John Gee, P.Z.'s.
- 147 Girvin Reed, Z.; James Stewart, H.P.Z.
- 148 Philip E. Wall, H.
- 149 M. F. Hemmens, Proxy.
- 150 Edward S. P. Carson, Z.; Wm. E. McDonald, H.; Thomas Welch, Joseph W. Carson, John B. Carson, P.Z.'s.
- 151 Charles A. Breakey, Z.; Lloyd C. Phillips, P.Z.
- 152 M. F. Hemmens, P.Z.
- 153 E. K. Rupert, Thomas MacNally, P.Z.'s.
- 155 Russel Brown, I.P.Z.; Allan Stewart, J.; Albert S. Martin, Gordon Calder, John D. Calder, Shellard T. Calder, P.Z.'s.
- 161 T. Lloyd, C. R. Whittemore, P.Z.'s.
- 163 W. D. H. Newton, H.; L. A. Woolger, E. W. Bath, D. C. Armstrong, E. R. Ansell, A. T. Williams, P.Z.'s.
- 164 Wm. Melnyk, Z.; Clarence L. Shaw, Milton S. Thompson, P.Z.'s.
- 167 Earl Fisher, I.P.Z.; R. R. Wilson, J. J. Robins, F. E. Whiteman, P.Z.'s.
- 168 Preston Hall, I.P.Z.
- 169 C. Whalen, Z.; W. A. Bowman, P.Z.
- 175 Gerald H. R. Crawshaw, I.P.Z.; T. Howard Ralph, Z.; Cecil R. Smith, Treas.; J. R. Dunbar, J. H. Rogers, B. D. Burt, P.Z.'s.
- 184 H. S. Winkworth, C. Howard, T. McHugh, P.Z.'s.
- 195 Wm. Sproule, Z.; N. D. Davidson, J.; M. Clark, W. B. Cannon, J. Archdekin, F. Kline, H. McClure, H. Spratt, P.Z.'s.
- 198 Wm. C. Calverley, J.; H. G. Graham, M. A. MacDonald, Wm. L. Patterson, D. J. Cossey, P.Z.'s.
- 205 Cecil Smith, Z.; Doug Tozer, J.; George Topper, L. Haworth, A. R. Hill, Carl Hill, Allan Poole, Joseph Bell, David Hill, Wilf Cameron, P.Z.'s.
- 210 Kenneth Campbell, Z.; H. T. C. Humphries, H.P.Z.
- 212 Michael Sandler, Z.; Louis Hermant, H.; Irvin Sax, J.; Harry R. Fox, Abraham Fox, Samuel J. Sword, Harold Sayles, Murray Fidler, Milton Gottlieb, Ned Austin, Irving M. Ingles, Samuel Tenenbaum, P.Z.'s.
- 213 G. Miller, Z.; J. Ralph, R. S. Raymer, H. H. Redden, P.Z.'s.
- 214 Burton Russell, P.Z.
- 215 W. B. Angst, Herbert Jones, D. C. Reedie, P.Z.'s.
- 217 Edward W. Elcombe, I.P.Z.; Harrey E. Evans, Z.; Albert E. Neil, H.; Norman F. Brown, J.; W. John Webber, S.E.; John A. Burton, Treas.; J. L. House, J. A. Mackie, C. R. Kincaid, James Turnbull, W. J. Raeburn, W. Wyllie, A. O. Murray, Albert H. Baldwin, Calin C. Kerr, Elwood H. Reid, P.Z.'s.
- 218 Alex. Mawdsley, Lloyd Armstrong, P.Z.'s.
- 219 Peter Gallagher, I.P.Z.; Jack Crawford, Z.; Joseph Higginson, H.; Robert E. Story, Joseph W. McCullough, Clarence H. Kesteven, David S. MacLachlan, George R. Sheard, Thomas H. Barker, Herbert L. Kesteven, Peter K. Taylor, Hugh D. McLauchlan, Charles Bryson, P.Z.'s.
- 220 Alex. Grant, Z.; Barry Watson, H.; Hugh M. Jackson, J.; J. A. Evans, W. H. Carr, W. M. Creech, W. F. Leuty, W. A. McKague, G. H. Horner, J. B. Richardson, A. R. Jefferson, A. R. McDougall, H. A. Harris, P. McGregor, S. V. Meakings, P.Z.'s.
- 221 Alfred O'Dell, I.P.Z.; James E. Armstrong, H.; Donald Hopkins, Z.; John N. Edwards, S.E.; H. E. McNaughton.

- 222 Wm R. Rowsome, Z.; Wm. C. Pescod, A.P.Z.; George Alex. Mac-Lead, Wilbert D. Taylor, Henry T. C. Humphries, C. C. Dale, P.Z.'s.
- 223 Wallace Layte, I.P.Z.; Parker Faler, P.Z.
- 224 G. B. Cowman, I.P.Z.; H. D. Falkiner, P.Z.
- 225 Wm. D. Sturch, Z.; James Winton, F. W. D. Welham, Fred Carter, Fred Alley, John Wallace, Joseph Brown, John Dempster, John Richardson, Donald P. Magee, P.Z.'s.
- 226 J. Alan Jordan, Z.; R. V. Wood, S.E.
- 227 Wm. Stewart, Z.; Bruce H. Smith, Charles Batt, Cyril McMullen, Ronald Godden, B. A. Gill, P.Z.'s.
- 230 Thomas Henry, J.; Jack W. Arnold, S.E.; Alan R. Jamieson, Treas.; C. M. Lobban, P.Z.
- 231 John C. Crockatt, I.P.Z.; Hiram Ross, Z.; John Inglis, H.; Robert Lewis, J.; James W. Woodland, H. R. Martyn, E. Sager, E. C. Shunk, S. R. Herd, L. A. Stiver, M. K. Macdonald, Rev. D. M. Kerr, G. E. Henry, Harold Edmondson, Albert W. Johnson, Wm. J. Bain, Norm E. Ware, Doug B. Ware, John W. Callaghan, R. J. Corner, P.Z.'s.
- 232 Albert S. Currie, Z.; W. W. Lester, A. G. Sullivan, W. H. Anderson, E. J. Ridgway, P.Z.'s.
- 233 Wm. Oldham, Z.; Wm. Dunlop, H.; John Burns, Treas.; W. E. Gardner, George Armstrong, S. R. Heaps, C. E. McClocklin, Bryan Alford, B. Taylor, E. Burrell, D. Wilson, R. K. Griffin, P.Z.'s.
- 234 D. V. Latimer, Z.; E. Wilson, H.; W. Foster, J.; J. Addy, S.E.; F. Wilson, W. J. Cleave, I. G. Noble, S. Penrice, P.Z.'s.
- 235 John V. O'Connor, Z.; John Hepple, H.; Harold Foote, P.Z.
- 238 Victor L. Hopwood, Z.; C. R. Leuty, H.; Wm. G. Chapman, Eldon W. Mitchell, LaVerne E. Fortner, W. L. Davies, Joseph Hessey, Donald H. Thompson, P.Z.'s.
- 239 Ernest A. Stewart, Z.; George Bayly, Lloyd Guyett, Vester Russell, P.S.'s.
- 240 J. N. Davis, Proxy.
- 241 W. E. Bailey, I.P.Z.; D. F. Johnston, Z.; E. Pickles, H. S. Biggs, R. S. Foley, O. R. Roberts, J. E. Young, F. P. Oliver, P.Z.'s.
- 242 Wm. Chalcraft, Z.
- 243 Norman L. Pratt, I.P.Z.; Fred W. Checkley, Z.
- 245 Gordon A. Braby, Z.; C. Fotheringham, H.P.Z.
- 246 G. C. Laing, I.P.Z.; K. J. Campbell, Z.; J. K. Whitfield, H.; P. Maydan, J.; W. G. Beech, R. H. Taylor, H. E. Harrison, J. M. Bremner, E. Carruthers, P.Z.'s.
- 247 John Blackwell, Z.; Leo J. Gent, Ralph C. Neely, P.Z.'s.
- 248 George R. Clarke, P.Z.
- 249 F. Alvin Boyd, I.P.Z.; J. Rae Abernethy, Z.; Lloyd W. A. Ayre, H.; Garnet B. Rickard, J.; H. Ferguson, A. W. G. Northcutt, H. G. Freeman, R. E. Logan, W. H. Gibson, J. H. Jose, N. A. Wilkins, E. F. R. Osborne, H. B. Fink, V. E. Cookson, P.Z.'s.
- 250 Allan A. Leal, Z.; Walter Hockney, Howard Watson, Allan Pye, Daniel Cooper, Norman Spence, P.Z.'s.
- 251 W. I. Ross, Z.; E. A. Lavery, P.Z.
- 252 Frank Brooks, Z.; Lawrence Scott, H.; Fred Osborne, T. Wm. Huggins, P.Z.'s.
- 253 Allan W. Smith, Z.; Edward J. Holland, H.; F. M. Given, P.Z.
- 254 P. S. Moline, C. C. Merkel, P.Z.'s.
- 255 W. Ross Lounsbury, Z.; Clinton Scott, Donald Dean, P.Z.'s.
- 257 E. Smith, Proxy.
- 258 Walderman Smalley, Z.; Charles S. Feasby, Frank E. Warne, P.Z.'s.
- 260 Leonard Stroud, Z.; Victor W. Newman, H.; Alfred T. Williams, J.; W. A. McKague, W. C. Arch, P.Z.'s.
- 261 E. L. Jackson, Sidney Perry, P.Z.'s.

262 Douglas Reading, IP.Z.; George Battern, Z.; Jack Loft, J.; Fred Scott, James Brownlie, Douglas Reading, P.Z.'s.

263 T. G. Colby, Z.; R. K. Muir, J.

90 P. S. Moline, Proxy.

The following Chapters were not represented: Georgian No. 56, Granite No. 61, Prince of Wales No. 71, Amabel No. 131, Leeds No. 132, Glengarry No. 143, Caledonia No. 236, Quetico No. 259.

150 Chapters represented

8 Chapters not represented

158

There were 720 registered delegates having a total vote of 941.
All of which is fraternally submitted.

JAMES W. WOODLAND, Chairman.
CLARE HOWES, Vice-Chairman.

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. Stanley Portch, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. J. W. Woodland, and—

Resolved—That the report of the Committee on Credentials be received and adopted.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

The Most Excellent the Grand Z., directed the Grand Scribe E. to call the roll of representatives of sister jurisdictions when they assembled before the Altar. The following Grand Representatives answered their names:

Alberta—Charles W. Emmett
Colorado—Cyril McMullen
Delaware—W. J. Grierson
District of Columbia—Bruce H. Smith
Finland—Bryan Alford
Florida—Gordon K. Brown
France—George Phillips
Illinois—James W. Woodland
Indiana—James H. Rogers
Ireland—Robert W. E. McFadden
Kansas—Milton Gottlieb
Kentucky—Rev. A. S. H. Cree
Louisiana—Joseph Carson
Manitoba—Arthur W. Ayre
Maryland—Leo J. Gent
Massachusetts—Dr. Fraser Hay
Maine—Lorne E. Vaughan
Minnesota—F. Carl Ackert
Mississippi—H. T. C. Humphries
Missouri—H. S. Biggs
Montana—David Harcus
Nebraska—A. V. Roy
Netherlands—Charles A. Batt
New Jersey—G. Harold Shannon
New Mexico—James A. Kennedy
New Zealand—Dr. J. Austin Evans
North Dakota—William H. Gummer
Nova Scotia—Stanley Portch
Oklahoma—Robert J. Hamilton
Oregon—John James Robins
Pennsylvania—John L. House
Philippines—William E. Gardner
Quebec—Maurice A. Searle

Rhode Island—Edward H. Brennan

Saskatchewan—James E. Girven

Scotland—James Turnbull

South Dakota—F. W. D. Welham

Tennessee—Charles Fotheringham

Texas—Allan C. Mason

Utah—Lloyd B. Gillespie

Vermont—Norman Farrington

Virginia—John J. Carpenter

West Australia—E. C. Wood

Wyoming—George Shute

Most Ex. Comp. James E. Girven extended a warm welcome to the representatives and asked them to make contact with their respective Grand Chapter and thus strengthen the bond of our fraternal union with our sister jurisdiction. Grand Honors were given.

GRAND Z's. ADDRESS

To the Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Canada
in the Province of Ontario.

My Companions:

I am most grateful for the privilege of extending to each of you, a hearty and fraternal welcome to our One Hundred and Ninth Convocation of this Grand Chapter in Canada's Centennial Year.

To the True and Living God Most High, we thank Thee for Thy Divine guidance during the past year, and pray that our deliberations here may receive Thy approbation and blessing.

On behalf of the officers of Grand Chapter, our guests and all companions, may I express our sincere appreciation to the Principals' Association of Toronto, Districts No. 8 and 8A, for their gracious invitation to meet again in this great convention city of Toronto. I know it is well recognized that the work of planning for a convocation such as this falls on the shoulders of a few dedicated companions. We wish to express our grateful thanks to our hosts for their vast amount of work and effort to make this Convocation a success, as well as provide for our comfort.

It is a special privilege and a great personal delight to me to extend on behalf of all companions present, a most sincere and warm welcome to one who has contributed a great service to Masonry during the past two years—M. Wor. Bro. and Ex. Comp. The Honorable James N. Allan, our Grand Master of the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario. We pledge our loyalty and devotion to you, Sir, and to Grand Lodge.

In Grand Chapter we continually seek the advice and counsel of our close friend M. Wor. Bro. and Ex. Comp. Ewart G. Dixon, M.C., Q.C., and we are most appreciative of his presence with us today.

This Grand Chapter is especially honored in having a very fine attendance of Grand First Principals and Grand High Priests from our sister Grand Jurisdictions in Canada and the United States of America. We extend to them a most hearty welcome and trust that their visit with us will be pleasant and enjoyable. It has been a great pleasure for me to visit so many Grand Jurisdictions during the past two years thereby continuing to cement those ties of friendship that have been ours over so many years.

We also extend a warm fraternal welcome to the distinguished representatives of other Masonic bodies: Sovereign Great Priory of Canada Knights Templar; Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Cryptic Rite; The Masonic and Military Order of the Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine; and the Order of High Priesthood. May our meeting here together strengthen that bond of fellowship that endears one mason to another throughout the world.

My companions, before I proceed farther, may I express to Almighty God my thankfulness for His divine guidance and loving care during my health problem last June. To you, my companions, I ask you to accept my heartfelt thanks for your prayers, your wonderful letters and cards of spiritual encouragement, along with your many other gifts and acts of kindness. It is in times such as this that one can truly say "how good it is that I was permitted to become a mason."

IN MEMORIAM

As we complete another year we are reminded of the great number of companions who have completed life's journey and have been called to their heavenly home where God rules supreme. We deeply mourn their passing, but we pray that the spiritual temple they erected here on earth will be an inspiration and guide to those who follow after.

Again, I have to record a great loss to Royal Arch Masonry in the passing of another one from our official family. M. Ex. Comp. Melville S. Gooderham passed to his heavenly abode on February 20, 1967. M. Ex. Comp. Gooderham maintained his deep interest and continued to serve Grand Chapter in spite of a serious illness suffered shortly after he was installed as Grand H. in 1956. This Grand Chapter recognized his great contribution to Freemasonry and the Royal Craft by making him an Honorary Past Grand First Principal in 1957. Although his illness caused a great handicap, nevertheless, he displayed great courage as he continued to grace our Grand Convocations with a kind and cheerful heart.

"There are stars that go out in the darkness,
But whose silvery light shineth on.
There are roses whose perfume still lingers
When the blossoms are faded and gone.

There are hearts full of life and of sweetness,
When no longer their life current flows.
Still their goodness lives on with the living
Like the soul of the star and the rose."

Later in this Convocation the Committee on Fraternal Dead under the chairmanship of Rt. Ex. Comp. Fred W. D. Welham will tender a more complete report on our losses for the whole Grand jurisdiction.

VISITATIONS

Because of my health problem during the past year, I regret to report that I had to forego many visitations to the chapters in our own Grand Jurisdiction, as well as to our sister Grand Jurisdictions in Canada and the United States of America.

I find that words are very inadequate to express my appreciation for the thoughtfulness and understanding displayed by the officers and companions of the constituent chapters when it became necessary to cancel my appointments during the last half of 1966.

Always I have marvelled at the loyalty and dedication of our Past Grand First Principals, but companions, you can never fully appreciate it until you find how readily they rally to your assistance during times of trouble. To each of you who assisted me so much in carrying out my responsibilities of visitations and dedications when I couldn't attend, I want to officially express my deepest gratitude. I shall record here only the highlights of the past year.

May 7, 1966—Attended Ruling Principals' Night, London District No. 2 at Wawanosh Chapter No. 15, Sarnia.

May 14, 15, 1966—Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia attended by Rt. Ex. Comp. Stanley Portch who conveyed greetings from the Grand Chapter of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

May 15, 16, 1966—Accompanied Ottawa Chapter No. 222 on an International Fraternal Visit to Central City Chapter, Syracuse, New York. This was one of the finest fraternal visits I have ever had the privilege of attending.

May 20, 21, 1966—Attended the Grand Chapter of Connecticut and conveyed fraternal greetings from our Grand Chapter.

May 27, 28, 1966—Attended the Grand Chapter of Saskatchewan in the capacity of Grand Z. and Grand Representative of Saskatchewan, and conveyed fraternal greetings from our Grand Chapter.

June 27, 1966—Attended the Consecration of Gibraltar Chapter No. 4997 in London, England. Replied to the toast to the visitors.

July 20, 21, 1966—Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario was represented by Rt. Ex. Comp. Robert J. Hamilton.

September 16, 1966—Grand Chapter Dedication Ceremonies of the Chapter Room for Keystone Chapter No. 35, Whitby under the direction of M. Ex. Comp. Charles W. Emmett.

September 24, 1966—Grand Chapter Dedication Ceremonies of the Chapter Room for King Darius Chapter No. 314, Cannington under the direction of M. Ex. Comp. Maurice A. Searle.

October 21, 22, 1966—Grand Chapter of Michigan represented by M. Ex. Comp. Fred W. Dean who conveyed fraternal greetings from our Grand Chapter.

October 23, 1966—One Hundredth Anniversary of St. Marks Chapter No. 26, Trenton. Guest speaker was M. Ex. Comp. Bruce H. Smith.

November 22, 1966—Grand Chapter Dedication Ceremonies of the Chapter Room for Excelsior Chapter No. 45, Colborne under the direction of M. Ex. Comp. Maurice A. Searle.

December 8, 1966—Attended the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania and conveyed greetings from our Grand Chapter.

January 14, 1967—Grand Chapter Dedication Ceremonies of the Chapter Room for Midland Chapter No. 94, Lindsay. There was an excellent attendance of Grand Chapter officers and visitors.

January 21, 1967—Grand Chapter Dedication Ceremonies of the Chapter Room for Preston Chapter No. 245. This meeting also had an excellent attendance of Grand Chapter officers and visitors.

February 18, 1967—Centennial of Pentalpha Chapter No. 28, Oshawa was well attended by Grand Chapter officers. I was privileged to be the guest speaker. While I hesitate to mention the presentation of gifts, I must express my very great appreciation of the presentation by V. Ex. Comp. D. W. Ives for a hammered brass plaque of the "Stone Mason". This plaque represents many weeks and months of work by the skilled craftsman V. Ex. Comp. Douglas Ives himself, and I shall treasure it forever.

March 4, 1967—Corinthian, my Mother Chapter No. 36, along with the chapters of Ontario District No. 10, held a district reception and dinner, attended by a wonderful group of friends from the whole Grand Jurisdiction. I shall always be grateful to the companions of Corinthian for their loyalty and support.

March 15, 1967—A reception by Carleton Chapter No. 16 was attended by a large number of companions from Ottawa District. I was pleased to be present when four candidates were received and acknowledged as Most Excellent Masters. I had the honor to be made an honorary member of Carleton Chapter.

March 31, 1967—The kindness of the companions of Districts No. 8 and No. 8A shall live on in my memory for as long as I live. When, because of my health problem, I was unable to attend a reception in Toronto, they journeyed to Peterborough in large numbers to attend Corinthian Chapter and hold the reception. This shows the sacrifice our companions will make to honour the office of Grand First Principal. The scroll prepared by Ex. Comp. James L. Bacon and signed by the first principals for the years 1966 and 1967, is a work of art and I am most grateful for their gifts.

It is with regret that this year I found it necessary to decline many invitations both to our constituent chapters and to the convocations of our sister Grand Jurisdictions. I was particularly disappointed that Mrs. Girven and I were unable to fulfill our acceptance of the invitation from M. Wor. Bro. and Comp. James N. Allan and Mrs. Allan, to attend the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge. However, Grand Chapter was capably represented by R. Ex. Comp. Robert J. Hamilton.

I have been most impressed with the dedicated leadership of the officers of the constituent chapters that I have had the privilege to attend. It has been of particular note to see the number of fraternal visits our chapters are making. As well, I have been pleased to see the number of Royal Arch Mason church services conducted throughout the Grand Jurisdiction.

May I express my deep appreciation to the constituent chapters for their kind hospitality and honors during my visits. I hope I may have the privilege of visiting our other chapters in an unofficial capacity in the years ahead. Now may I quote from William Penn:

"I expect to pass through life but once—if, therefore there be any kindness I can show, or any good thing I can do to any fellow-being, let me do it now, and not defer or neglect it, as I shall not pass this way again."

HONOURS

The practice of some Grand Chapters and some constituent chapters of conferring honorary membership on Grand First Principals can stimulate and encourage continued close fraternal relations and, in many cases, be of considerable assistance to the chapter. As your Grand First Principal I have been honoured in being made an Honorary Member of the following chapters:

- Grand Chapter of Manitoba, P.G.Z.
- The St. Patricks Chapter No. 145.
- Carleton Chapter No. 16.

DEDICATIONS

This has been another year in which our brethren and companions can be justly proud of the wonderful new temples that have been completed and for which Grand Chapter has received requests for dedication ceremonies.

I am confident that the organizing, planning, and work of building new facilities can do much to strength Masonic associations in these various communities. I am pleased to extend congratulations from Grand Chapter to all who gave leadership in the completion of these projects, and God grant that your efforts are crowned with increased vigour and growth in your chapters.

The following dedication meetings were well attended by past and present Grand Chapter officers, as well as companions from other districts:

Sept. 16, 1966—Keystone Chapter No. 35, Whitby.

Sept. 24, 1966—King Darius Chapter No. 134, Cannington.

Nov. 22, 1966—Excelsior Chapter No. 45, Colborne.

Jan. 14, 1967—Midland Chapter No. 94, Lindsay.

Jan. 21, 1967—Preston Chapter No. 245, Preston.

May I express my gratitude and thanks to all Grand Chapter companions for participating in the dedication ceremonies of these chapter rooms, but specifically to M. Ex. Comp. C. W. Emmett for acting as Grand Z. at Keystone Chapter, Whitby, and M. Ex. Comp. Maurice A. Searle for acting as Grand Z. at King Darius Chapter, Cannington and Excelsior Chapter, Colborne.

PRESENTATION OF JEWELS

Sixty Years a Royal Arch Mason:

The Moira Chapter No. 7—Comp. John S. McKeown.

Georgian Chapter No. 56—Ex. Comp. Roland Patterson.

Granite Chapter No. 61—Comp. John B. Illingworth.

Fort William Chapter No. 140—Comp. Archibald Bruce.

Fifty Years a Royal Arch Mason:

Carleton Chapter No. 16—Comp. Alfred Ernest Pain.

Prince Edward Chapter No. 31—Comp. Sidney James Gilmore.

Corinthian Chapter No. 36—Comp. Douglas A. Loomis.

Victoria Chapter No. 37—Comp. John Henry Ward.

Guelph Chapter No. 40—Comp. Henry A. Hignell.

St. James Chapter No. 46—R. Ex. Comp. Charles E. Richardson, Sr.

Palestine Chapter No. 54—Comp. Joseph Wm. Grice, Jr.

Enterprise Chapter No. 67—Comp. Frank L. Tyler.

Beaver Chapter No. 74—Comp. Hiram W. Zavitz.

Orient Chapter No. 79—V. Ex. Comp. Alfred Henry Jones, Ex. Comp.

George Wm. Woods, Comps. John Wm. Bruce, Wm. Chester Dies,

Bertram Grant, Thomas B. Onions.

Ark Chapter No. 80—Comp. Charles E. Doey.

Aylmer Chapter No. 81—Ex. Comp. Robert Wm. Stratton.

Shuniah Chapter No. 82—V. Ex. Comp. Robert Charles Addison, Comp. Frederick George Lovelady.
 Golden Chapter No. 90—V. Ex. Comp. Percy Edward Baker, Comp. Eric Adolfson.
 Toronto-Antiquity Chapter No. 91—Comps. Alexander Innes, Elmo Murray Main.
 Algonquin Chapter No. 102—Comps. Alexander Brechin, Fremlin E. Hollingsworth, James Ernest Johnston.
 Brant Chapter No. 115—Comp. Wilbur K. Thomson.
 Fort William Chapter No. 140—Comps. J. E. Cole, Cyril W. Cracknell, Malcolm Fraser, J. A. Ross.
 The St. Patrick Chapter No. 145—Comps. Wm. Robert Bell, Frank Charles Glenfield, Charles Lanning Holmes, Harry O. Johnston, Richard Pountney.
 Temiskaming Chapter No. 169—Ex. Comp. Arthur L. Throop.
 Couchiching Chapter No. 198—Comps. W. H. B. Heye, Wm. Thomas Stanley.
 St. Alban's Chapter No. 217—Comp. Henry Wm. King.
 Ottawa Chapter No. 222—V. Ex. Comp. W. C. Pescod

For Fifty Years Installed First Principal:

Guelph Chapter No 40—R. Ex. Comp. John Fisher Marr.
 Georgian Chapter No. 56—R. Ex. Comp. Clarence L. VanWyck.

For Twenty-five Years Installed First Principal:

St. Andrew & St. John Chapter No. 4—Ex. Comp. Earl W. Parker.
 The Moira Chapter No. 7—Ex. Comp. Clinton MacDonald.
 Carleton Chapter No. 16—R. Ex. Comp. Cyril R. Flatters.
 Ezra Chapter No. 23—Ex. Comp. Dick Sutton.
 Tecumseh Chapter No. 24—V. Ex. Comp. George Samuel Atkins.
 St. Mark's Chapter No. 26—Ex. Comp. Kenneth W. Crews.
 Manitou Chapter No. 27—Ex. Comp. Alfred James Chapman.
 Keystone Chapter No. 35—Ex. Comps. John Gordon Bateman, Alex. Edwin Kearney, Richard Winters.
 Corinthian Chapter No. 36—V. Ex. Comp. Ellsworth W. Jones.
 Mount Sinai Chapter No. 44—V. Ex. Comp. W. O. Cootes.
 Palestine Chapter No. 54—Ex. Comp. Vermont Pow.
 Niagara Chapter No. 55—Ex. Comp. George R. Jerman.
 Georgian Chapter No. 56—Ex. Comp. Emory C. Jermyn.
 Havelock Chapter No. 63—Ex. Comp. Ross H. Martyn.
 Willson Chapter No. 64—R. Ex. Comp. Basil C. Damude.
 Grimsby Chapter No. 69—R. Ex. Comp. Albert Jarvis.
 Keystone Chapter No. 72—R. Ex. Comp. Gordon Wm. Bailey.
 Erie Chapter No. 73—Ex. Comp. Harold D. McKillop.
 Beaver Chapter No 74—Ex. Comp. R. L. Manning.
 St. Clair Chapter No. 75—Ex. Comp. Robert Clarence Cunningham.
 Mount Nebo Chapter No. 76—Ex. Comp. Frederick Gregory.
 Ark Chapter No. 80—R. Ex. Comp. Alvin Ross Bourne.
 Golden Chapter No. 90—Ex. Comps. Edwin Walter Cox, Roy James Whitaker.
 Toronto-Antiquity Chapter No. 91—Ex. Comp. Wm. Godfrey Hamilton.
 Algonquin Chapter No. 102—Ex. Comp. Wm. Walker.
 St. John's Chapter No. 103—Ex. Comp. Bertram Branson.
 King Cyrus Chapter No. 119—Ex. Comp. Harry A. Young.
 Presqu'île Chapter No. 144—Ex. Comps. W. T. D. Fritz, H. Morley Webster.
 The St. Patrick Chapter No. 145—V. Ex. Comp. Wm. E. Pomeroy.
 Bernard Chapter No. 146—Ex. Comp. Percy Fatum.
 Lucknow Chapter No. 147—Ex. Comp. Cameron MacDonald.

London Chapter No. 150—V. Ex. Comp. James Smith.

Ancaster Chapter No. 155—Ex. Comps. Oswald E. Borman, James L. Pickard.

Madoc Chapter No. 161—V. Ex. Comp. David Kernohan, Ex. Comps. Lloyd Blue, Percy H. Nayler.

The Beaches Chapter No. 163—Ex. Comp. Fenwick Leo Meisner.

Kichikewana Chapter No. 167—R. Ex. Comp. John James Robins.

Ionic Chapter No. 168—Ex. Comp. Percy Macoun Locke.

Couchiching Chapter No. 198—Ex. Comp. Percival Charles Noy.

Victoria Chapter No. 205—Ex. Comp. John Kerr.

Mount Sinai Chapter No. 212—Ex. Comp. Philip Abrams.

Northern Lights Chapter No. 213—V. Ex. Comp. J. Whaley, Ex. Comp. George Fleming Mitchell.

St. Alban's Chapter No. 217—V. Ex. Comp. Harold Ernest Walker.

Lebanon Chapter No. 220—V. Ex. Comp. Joseph Herbert Dickén.

Abitibi Chapter No. 223—R. Ex. Comp. Parker Faler.

Quinte-Friendship Chapter No. 227—Ex. Comp. Hugh John Andrews.

St. Clair Chapter No. 231—Ex. Comp. Elmer Sager.

The St. Andrew Chapter No. 238—Ex. Comp. Edwin Carl Smith.

Blenheim Chapter No. 239—Ex. Comp. John Wm. Carpenter.

University Chapter No. 241—V. Ex. Comp. Joseph Ernest Tilson.

Nilestown Chapter No. 247—R. Ex. Comp. Robert Arthur Stannard.

Regal Chapter No. 253—Ex. Comps. Archie Carter, Walter John Franklin.

Distinguished Service Award:

St. Albans Chapter No. 217—Comp. Richard Baxter.

DISPENSATIONS—PERIOD 1966-1967

One hundred and sixty-eight dispensations were issued as follows:

Attend Divine Service	13
—Change of Day or Hour of Opening	75
—Permit Social Function	22
—Waiver of Jurisdiction	5
—Amputation Initiated	1
—To Permit Physically Incapacitated to be Initiated	1
—Dispense With Convocation in March	1
—Dispense With Convocation in April	1
—Dispense With Convocation in June	11
—Dispense With Convocation in September	2
—Dispense With Convocation in November	1
—Dispense With Convocation in December	2
—Dispense With Convocation in January	1
—To Confer Three Degrees in One Day	3
—Permit Special Emergent Convocations	12
—To Receive Application Contrary to Constitution	1
—To Permit Election of Officers Contrary to Bylaws	1
—Advancement of Officers Other Than as Required by Constitution	15

CHAPTER BY-LAWS

New By-Laws Approved:

Chapter	No.	Chapter	No.
Carleton	16	Beaver	225

Amendments to By-Laws Approved:

Chapter	No.	Chapter	No.
St. Andrew & St. John ..	4	Shekinah	138
Prince Edward	31	Fort William	140
Corinthian	36	The St. Patrick	145
Guelph	40	Bernard	146
Excelsior	45	St. Johns	148
Granite	61	Ancaster	155
Erie	73	The Hamilton	175
Beaver	74	Victoria	205
St. Clair	75	The Northern Lights ..	213
Orient	79	Prince of Wales	226
Ark	80	Quinte Friendship	227
Ionic	83	Blenheim	239
Toronto Antiquity	91	McKay	243
White Oak	104	Humber	246
Covenant	113	Nilestown	247
King Cyrus	119	Thomas Peters	250
Succoth	135	The Scarborough	263

There has been a great increase in the new and changed by-laws this year, actually about double that of a normal year. We require all these changes to be reviewed by the Chairman of Constitution Laws and Jurisprudence, and to carefully study and review the changes to 35 Chapters' by-laws to see that they comply with our Constitution is a major undertaking. Therefore, I express to our Chairman, R. Ex. Comp. Leo Gent, the sincere appreciation of Grand Chapter for carrying out this responsibility.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

On request of their Grand High Priests, I was pleased to approve and issue commissions for the following distinguished companions as our Grand Representatives of the Grand Chapter of Canada in the Province of Ontario near their respective Grand Chapters:

Iowa—Comp. Harley I. Whaley.

Louisiana—Ex. Comp. Lonnie L. Vallery, 2163 Tulip St., Baton Rouge, La. 70806.

New Hampshire—Ex. Comp. Charles Leighton, Jr., 15 Elliott Park, Dover, N.Y. 03820.

Nebraska—Comp. Dean L. Robertson, 6927 Colby, Lincoln, Nebraska 68505.

New Jersey—Ex. Comp. Kenneth F. Cruickshank, 8 Glenwood Place, Pennysville, N.J.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES NEAR OUR GRAND CHAPTER

It has been my privilege this year to recommend and have approved, the appointment of eleven Grand Representatives near the Grand Chapter of Canada in the Province of Ontario. Each representative has accepted his appointment as an honour and has expressed his desire to carry out the duties of his office with distinction.

California—Rt. Ex. Comp. B. M. Conron, 120 Maple St., Collingwood, Ont.

Colorado—R. Ex. Comp. Cyril McMullen, R.R. No. 5, Belleville, Ont.

Florida—R. Ex. Comp. Gordon Brown, 195 Cross Ave., Oakville, Ont.

Indiana—R. Ex. Comp. James Hilton Rogers, Apt. 19, Skyview Apts., 3 East 37th St., Hamilton, Ont.

Kansas—R. Ex. Comp. Milton Gottlieb, Apt. 311, 4415 Bathurst St., Downsview, Ont.

Manitoba—Rt. Ex. Comp. Arthur W. Ayre, 22 Connaught Ave., London, Ont.

Maryland—Rt. Ex. Comp. Leo J. Gent, Box 78, 21 Catharine St., Dorchester St. E., Dorchester, Ont.

Missouri—Rt. Ex. Comp. H. S. Biggs, 463 Hillsdale Ave., Toronto 7, Ont.

North Dakota—Rt. Ex. Comp. Wm. H. Gummer, 242 Westdale Ave., Kingston, Ont.

Oregon—Rt. Ex. Comp. John James Robins, 316 Second St., Midland, Ont.

South Dakota—Rt. Ex. Comp. F. W. D. Welham, 60 Stewart Smith Drive, Toronto 15, Ont.

**ROYAL ARCH WELFARE COMMITTEE OF TORONTO,
DISTRICTS 8 AND 8A**

During the past year I had the opportunity to become more familiar with the work of the Royal Arch Welfare Committee of Districts 8 and 8A. I commend them highly for their untiring efforts in bringing joy and comfort to many companions and their families who have been hospitalized in Metropolitan Toronto. The work of this Welfare Committee has continued for twenty-three years and, in reporting to Grand Chapter, I am pleased to pay tribute to those who have given leadership to relieving the burdens of others during the past year.

I have been thrilled to see the continued enthusiasm of the Welfare Committee of Mount Sinai Chapter 212, in providing outings and entertainment for the children of the homes.

I am confident that these welfare projects can do much to

give companions a sense of participation and this has been largely responsible for the continued growth of Mount Sinai Chapter. I would like to recommend that other Chapters study the opportunity of providing a similar welfare service in their communities.

MASONIC INSTRUCTION COMMITTEE

Our Grand Chapter Masonic Instruction Committee under the chairmanship of V. Ex. Comp. James Turnbull has continued to work with the District Instruction Committees and Grand Superintendents. I am most pleased to report to Grand Chapter that the Grand Superintendents have been most faithful in arranging chapter instruction nights and, in some cases, have sought the assistance of our District Instruction Committees.

Also, I must report though, that a recent survey indicates that the individual chapters are making very little use of the District Committees. Therefore, I recommend that the Grand Chapter Masonic Instruction Committee for 1967 establish a program to encourage the constituent chapters to call on District Instruction Committees more frequently.

I extend to the Grand Chapter Masonic Instruction Committee and the District Instruction Committees the thanks and appreciation of Grand Chapter, with the hope that their services will be requested to a far greater degree during the coming year.

SCHOLARSHIP AND BURSARY FUND COMMITTEE

The Scholarship and Bursary Fund Committee under the chairmanship of M. Ex. Comp. Maurice A. Searle has carried out a tremendous amount of work on our behalf. All constituent chapters have been encouraged by your chairman and myself to support this most worthy project. I regret that I must report to this Grand Chapter that I am very disappointed with the manner in which the chapters have responded. In 1965 I set an objective of \$12,000 which would have been slightly over 50c a member and our contributions amounted to \$1,916.00. I concluded that this lack of support in 1965 may have been due to some delay in getting our program launched, but when the results of our 1966 contributions amounted to only \$4,109.00, I am convinced that the constituent chapters have not accepted their responsibility to support this very worth while endeavour. Each year we have received far more requests for scholarship assistance than we can supply, which is evidence of the need for our support of this fund.

Companions, I am convinced that any chapter that develops a strong Scholarship and Bursary Fund Program will have a

stronger and healthier chapter. May I again express my fervent hope that all chapters will appoint a Scholarship and Bursary Fund Committee charged with the responsibility of raising one dollar a member a year.

M. Ex. Comp. Searle and his committee have been most diligent in their work and have written letters of appreciation for every contribution that has been received for the Fund. They have carried out the necessary communication to the chapters for nomination of candidates for scholarships, screened the requests and communicated with the successful candidates and the Universities after the selection was made.

To M. Ex. Comp. Searle and his committee we tender the grateful thanks and appreciation of this Grand Chapter and wish them greater success in the year ahead.

MEMBERSHIP

Our Committee on Conditions of Capitular Masonry under the chairmanship of R. Ex. Comp. F. C. Ackert will present a very complete report on membership later on in our proceedings; however, I wish to make several observations at this time. In my report to this Grand Chapter last year I reported that our membership had been reduced by 248 during the year. I indicated I had high hopes that with the interest the Scholarship and Bursary Fund Project could create, along with the assistance from the District Masonic Instruction Committees, that we would change the trend from a loss to a gain.

Today I regret to report that we have again had a further loss of 217 members and while this is less than the 248 of last year, it is still a most serious one.

It is usual for us to think of our losses in membership as being caused by our companions passing to their eternal home and our greatest loss is for this reason, but our demits and suspensions of 461 far exceed our net loss of 217. This, companions, highlights the need for us to provide more interesting and challenging programs and well-planned meetings to hold the interest of our companions.

FINANCES

In my last report to this Grand Convocation I drew to your attention the rising costs of operations as well as our loss of revenue from the reduction of membership.

Your Finance Committee under the chairmanship of R. Ex. Comp. Bryan Alford and composed of the members of Grand Council and the Past Grand Z's. have worked very diligently to reduce expenses during the past year. They have been success-

ful in keeping expenses below the budgeted level, but we have still had a substantial loss.

I communicated with each first principal some time ago and indicated that Grand Chapter would have to ask for an increase in per capita dues this year. I am pleased to inform you that with the very careful planning of the Finance Committee the increase being requested will be considerably less than the figure I forecast in my letter.

To R. Ex. Comp. Bryan Alford and the members of the Finance Committee I express the appreciation of this Grand Chapter for the vast amount of work that was done in controlling the budget last year, and for the planning to hold our expenses as low as possible for next year.

To M. Ex. Comp. Fred Dean I express our thanks for doing a very fine job as our treasurer.

We will look forward to having the complete reports from the chairman of Finance and our treasurer later on in our proceeding.

PAST RANK

A request has been received from Granite Chapter No. 61, Almonte, Ontario, to confer on Ex. Comp. Archie E. McWade the rank of a Past First Principal posthumously. The late Ex. Comp. McWade served through all respective offices and was highly respected by his brethren and companions. He was installed as First Principal in January, 1966 and served seven months in this office when he was called from his earthly labors. Even though he was confined to bed for the last couple of months he continued to a large degree, to direct his officers in conducting the affairs of the chapter. Therefore, I recommend that Past Rank be conferred.

A request has been received from Manitou Chapter No. 27, Collingwood to confer on Ex. Comp. Douglas B. Watson the rank of a Past First Principal posthumously. The late Ex. Comp. Watson was installed as First Principal in January, 1966, and served five months in this office when he was suddenly called to his eternal home. He was highly respected by his brethren and companions and served many branches of Masonry. Therefore, I recommend that Past Rank be conferred.

A request has been received from Bernard Chapter No. 146, Listowel, to confer on Ex. Comp. W. J. Cockwell the rank of Past First Principal. Ex. Comp. Cockwell was elected and installed as First Principal of Bernard Chapter in January, 1966, but due to illness was unable to complete his term of office. He has been a dedicated companion of Bernard Chapter and I recommend that Past Rank be conferred.

A request has been received from Warkworth Chapter No. 110 to confer on Ex. Comp. James McCleary the rank of Past First Principal. Ex. Comp. McCleary was elected First Principal of Warkworth Chapter for the year 1966. Due to a business situation he was unable to be installed as First Principal until February, 1966, and, consequently, has served in that office for only 11 months. Since Ex. Comp. McCleary has been dedicated in carrying out his duties, I recommend that Past Rank be conferred.

GRAND CHAPTER OFFICE

Some 15 or 18 months ago, we were advised that the City of Toronto intended to demolish the Temple Building in which our Grand Chapter offices are located. M. Ex. Comp. Charles Emmett and the Grand Scribe E. were appointed as a committee to locate another suitable location. Your committee, after a very extensive search, reported their findings to the Advisory Committee, indicating a considerable increase in rent when we move to another location. The Advisory Committee concluded we should remain in our present location as long as possible which is now on a monthly basis.

We extend our thanks to M. Ex. Comp. Emmett and R. Ex. Comp. R. J. Hamilton for their efforts to find a satisfactory location. M. Ex. Comp. Emmett has been asked to keep in close touch with the situation so that we wont be required to move in too short a notice.

MASONIC TRIAL

I reported to this Grand Chapter last year that the summary of evidence on the Board of Inquiry into the affairs of the St. Andrew & St. John Chapter No. 4, G.R.C., was under consideration, and if I deemed action was necessary I would direct that the proper Masonic charges be laid.

The study of the summary of evidence made it quite clear that as Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario and by virtue of the power vested in me by Section 106 of the Constitution of Grand Chapter, I should direct that charges be made in writing against two Companions of the Chapter. These charges were laid in accordance with my direction by Ex. Comp. George Callen, I.P.Z. of the St. Andrew & St. John Chapter, No. 4, G.R.C., on January 24, 1967. A commission was appointed in conformance with Rule 49 composed of: M. Ex. Comp. A. G. N. Bradshaw, Chairman; R. Ex. Comp. Leo J. Gent; and R. Ex. Comp. Lloyd B. Gillespie.

A Masonic trial was held on March 18 and I am now awaiting a report from the commission.

CONSTITUTION REVIEW COMMITTEE

Last year Grand Chapter gave approval for the appointment of a Constitution Review Committee to study our Constitution with a view to bringing it up to date. Our chairman, R. Ex. Comp. Harold Shannon, has been busy collecting information from other Grand Chapters and preparing recommendations for study.

While there may be some who are disappointed that we do not have more notices of motion for changes to our constitution this year, I assure them that we want to be very sure that any recommended changes will bring worth while benefits to the operation and the well-being of Royal Arch Masonry. Consequently we have to move rather slowly.

You will receive a more detailed report from our chairman R. Ex. Comp. Harold Shannon during this Convocation.

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

We also received approval at our last Convocation to appoint our new Public Relations Committee under the chairmanship of R. Ex. Comp. Gordon Brown.

During the year I have noted we have received some very excellent press coverage particularly in some of the smaller communities. I want to encourage this committee to continue their good work with the hope that they can develop an excellent image of Royal Arch Masons in the communities. We will look forward to a full report from Rt. Ex. Comp. Gordon Brown.

APPRECIATION

To record my appreciation to all those I would like included would extend this report beyond all reason, so I shall include only those with whom I have been most closely associated during my convalescent period since last June.

To the members of my Grand Council: R. Ex. Comp. Stanley Portch, Grand Second Principal; R. Ex. Comp. G. Harold Shannon, Grand Third Principal; I express my thanks for their support and for assisting in carrying out the responsibilities of the Grand Council when I was unable to do so.

I have previously expressed my appreciation to M. Ex. Comp. Maurice A. Searle and M. Ex. Comp. Charles W. Emmett for acting as Grand First Principal at dedication ceremonies. To M. Ex. Comp. Bruce H. Smith I express my sincere thanks for coming to my rescue on short notice to act as Grand First Principal and give the address at the Centennial of St. Marks Chapter No. 26, Trenton. The concern of a Grand First Principal, particularly

in matters relating to the Constitution, can be greatly relieved by those who have had long experience in its interpretation. So to M. Ex. Comp. John M. Burden, my sincere thanks and appreciation for his advice and counsel during my whole term of office.

For many years now, with the exception of last year, those attending the Grand Convocation have been privileged to receive a copy of a Fraternal Correspondence Review which has been prepared by M. Ex. Comp. Maurice A. Searle. It will be available again this year and we extend our sincere thanks to our reviewer for carrying on this work for us. However, we are not certain that it will be available in the future because M. Ex. Comp. Searle has asked to be relieved of this very onerous task, and we may not be able to find a companion who will accept this responsibility. In the meantime, M. Ex. Comp Searle, thank you for your past services.

To our Grand Superintendents I express our thanks for their well-planned district programs. While I have not been able to have a close personal contact this year, I have kept up to date by reviewing each of their chapter inspection reports. I found the superintendents carrying out their responsibilities with dedication.

I know that all members of Grand Chapter are pleased that our Grand Scribe E. R. Ex. Comp. R. J. Hamilton has continued to improve healthwise, and is carrying out the full duties of the office with his usual dedication and competence. We express our appreciation to R. Ex. Comp. Hamilton and to Mrs. Slessor for their continued loyalty in the Grand Chapter Office.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS

I want to draw your attention to the notice of motions which are itemized on page 10 of the agenda you received when you registered. Kindly consider them carefully so that you may vote in the best interests of Grand Chapter.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Grand Executive of this Grand Chapter has, for many years, received out-standing service from R. Ex. Comp. F. Carl Ackert. For several years he was the chairman of our Finance Committee and gave excellent guidance on financial matters. This year he is chairman of the Committee on Conditions of Capitular Masonry which is one of the most important reports to be received by our Grand Executive and Grand Chapter. In

view of this outstanding service by R. Ex. Comp. Ackert, I recommend in accordance with Section 65 (I) of our constitution, that we confer on him an honorary membership on the Executive Committee and ask Grand Chapter to concur in this recommendation.

I am greatly concerned to see the continuing high losses in membership year after year, and more alarmed still to anticipate what could be the end result over the next one or two decades. I believe there is a great need for us to get a better understanding of the problems facing many of our constituent chapters. Our Grand Jurisdiction is so large that it is difficult for the Grand First Principal to visit even once a year in each district. Consequently, he cannot know at first hand the problems that need attention. Therefore, I am recommending that this Grand Chapter give approval to the establishment of a special committee to be appointed by the Grand First Principal, to study and report on how the Grand Council and Grand Executive can provide greater assistance to constituent chapters.

CONCLUSION

I wish to express my heartfelt gratitude to the companions of this Grand Jurisdiction for entrusting me with the responsibility of giving leadership as your Grand First Principal during these past two years. As one enters upon his duties he does so with high resolve, often setting guide lines and objectives that are beyond full attainment. This has been so in my case, but the fact that we did plan and set objectives has enabled us to make some progress.

The loyal support of my companions, the new friendships created and having had the opportunity to serve one's fellow man, has been a most rewarding experience. May I quote from Edwin Markham:

In The Human Plan

We are all blind until we see
That in the human plan,
Nothing is worth the making if
It does not make the man.

Why build these cities glorious
If man unbuilted goes?
In vain we build the world, unless
The builder also grows.

To our incoming Grand First Principal and his officers I extend my congratulations and bespeak for them the same outstanding cooperation that I have received during my term of office. I pledge my support in any way possible with hope that I may make some further worth while contribution to Royal Arch Masonry. I would like to close with this thought by Katherine Maurine Haaf entitled:

Good Thoughts

Good thoughts are the threads
 With which we weave the web of life;
The threads which build
 The strong and fibrous cloth,
We know as character.
 And, like the patterns
That looms of modern science weave,
 Our lives can be no lovelier,
No stronger, than the threads
 From which our lives are made.

Sincerely and fraternally,

James E. Girven.

Grand Z.

Moved by the Grand Second Principal, seconded by the Grand Third Principal, and—

Resolved—That the address of the M. Ex. the Grand Z. be referred to the Committee on the Grand Z's Address to report thereon during the present Convocation of Grand Chapter.

ADDENDUM

MASONIC TRIAL AND DISCIPLINARY ACTION

I have reported in the main body of my address to this Grand Chapter that I was awaiting a report from the Commission on the Masonic trial on charges laid by Ex. Comp. George Callen, I.P.Z. of the St. Andrew and St. John Chapter No. 4 G.R.C. on January 24th, 1967, against two Companions of that Chapter.

I have today received the report of the Commission on the trial of these two Companions.

In view of the findings and recommendations of the court on the charges laid against Ex. Comp. William L. Lankin, a member of the St. Andrew and St. John Chapter No. 4 Royal Arch Masons of Canada in Ontario which read in part: "The evidence for the prosecution established beyond a doubt that Ex. Comp. William L. Lankin had used contemptuous language towards at least one member of this Chapter in authority, namely, Ex. Comp. George Callen". Following the hearing of the said evidence on charge number two, it came to the attention of the court that Ex. Comp. William L. Lankin had been suspended from his Craft Lodge some years previous for non-payment of dues. "He was informed that, as long as he was under suspension from his Craft Lodge, he had no right to attend this Constituent Chapter or any other Constituent Chapter in the Grand Jurisdiction".

"It is recommended by this court to the Grand First Principal and the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario that Ex. Companion William L. Lankin be expelled from the St. Andrew and St. John Chapter No. 4 Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario, and all other Constituent Chapters in this Grand Jurisdiction."

I, as Grand First Principal, affirm the findings of the Court and direct that Ex. Companion William L. Lankin be expelled from the St. Andrew and St. John Chapter No. 4 of the Grand Chapter of Canada in the Province of Ontario and all other Constituent Chapters in this Grand Jurisdiction.

The findings and recommendations of the Court on the charges laid against R. Ex. Comp. O. B. Dickinson, a member of the St. Andrew and St. John Chapter No. 4 Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario read in part: "It was clear to the Court from the evidence given, and from the fact that R. Ex. Comp. O. B. Dickinson declined to give definite answers to questions put to him by the Court, that he had stated in open Chapter, the words of which he was accused of using, and that by so doing he was an instigator and disturber of the peace and

harmony of this Chapter. The evidence showed, as aforesaid, an utter disregard for harmony in the Chapter by his conduct within the Chapter which, in the opinion of the members of this Court, was not the proper attitude of a Mason."

The following refers to certain relevant sections of the Constitution of Grand Chapter, Page 93, paragraphs 6, 7, 8 and 9.

"R. Ex. Comp. O. B. Dickinson chose to ignore the procedure as outlined in the above sections and communicated direct with Grand Chapter, which appears to the Court to be an effort on his part to disturb, not only the peace, and harmony of his own Chapter, but to create mischief and he, therefore brought himself within, and offended, that provision listed under Masonic offences, reading:

"any violation of the Constitution, laws, edicts, rules and regulations of Grand Chapter."

"After due and careful consideration of the facts submitted, the attitude of R. Ex. Comp. O. B. Dickinson, as aforesaid, at the trial, and the provisions contained in the Constitution, including Section 200 of the Constitution referred to by Comp. Jackson, Council for R. Ex. Comp. O. B. Dickinson, it is the opinion of this Court that R. Ex. Comp. O. B. Dickinson is guilty as charged. The Court hereby recommends to the Grand First Principal and to Grand Chapter, that R. Ex. Comp. O. B. Dickinson be suspended from St. Andrew and St. John Chapter No. 4 Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario for a period of two years from the date of the Grand First Principal's confirmation of the finding of this Court and that R. Ex. Comp. O. B. Dickinson be permitted to return to his Chapter only by the two-thirds vote of the Companions of St. Andrew and St. John Chapter No. 4 Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario on the said R. Ex. Comp. O. B. Dickinson making application so to do".

I, as Grand First Principal, affirm the findings of the Court and direct that R. Ex. Comp. O. B. Dickinson be suspended from the St. Andrew and St. John Chapter No. 4 Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario and all other Constituent Chapters in this Grand Jurisdiction for a period of two years from this date and that R. Ex. Comp. O. B. Dickinson be permitted to return to his Chapter only by a two-third vote of the members of the St. Andrew and St. John Chapter No. 4 present, for its adoption, on the said R. Ex. Comp. O. B. Dickinson making application so to do.

JAMES E. GIRVEN,
Grand Z.

April 22, 1967.

GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS' REPORTS

The reports of the seventeen Grand Superintendents were presented and on motion were received and the Grand Scribe E. was directed to have them printed in the 1967 Proceedings.

The Report of every Grand Superintendent is addressed to "Most Excellent the Grand Z, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of the Royal Arch Masons of Canada, in the Province of Ontario." Each begins, "Most Excellent Sir and Companions," and everyone ends "Respectfully and fraternally submitted." To save space these formalities have been omitted from each Report.

ST. CLAIR DISTRICT NO. 1

R. Ex. Comp. Dr. George E. Turner

On June 4th, I travelled to Chatham and after a very lovely dinner, at the Masonic Temple, I witnessed the Royal Arch Degree conferred by the Past Grand Chapter Officers of St. Clair District. The evening was a great success and certainly was a fine way to start off my term of office. On June 8th, in Thomas Peter's Chapter, I invested R. Ex. Comp. D. Cooper as Grand Scribe N. This Companion was unfortunately ill at the time of Grand Chapter meeting. He has accompanied me to many Chapters and has conducted himself with the dignity befitting his high office. I also had the pleasure on June 20th, of presenting a 25 year Past Principal Jewel to Ex. Comp. McKillop of Erie Chapter No. 73 at Ridgetown. At that time, a Royal Arch Degree was conferred and R. Ex. Comp. E. C. Bingham, age 87 years, gave a beautiful rendition of the mystical lecture.

During my term, I have visited each Chapter at least once and have observed the conferral of a degree at each visit excepting one. The affairs of each Chapter appear to be in good hands excepting Lorne Chapter No. 164, at West Lorne. It is with great regret that I must say that this Chapter is in need of a great deal of assistance, which I do hope will be afforded by Grand Chapter and also by the Masonic Instruction Committee.

I do feel that there should be some thought given to redistribution of Chapters in St. Clair District, particularly at the Eastern end.

The attendance at meetings appears to be good in most Chapters. Some Chapters are having excellent candidate material, whereas some others appear to be lacking in enthusiasm and interest. Throughout the District, there is a great amount of good fellowship and the work generally is of the highest calibre. The outlook for the future appears excellent, particularly if each Chapter receives the leadership to which it is entitled and which it expects.

On Oct. 16, I attended the annual District Church Service at Chatham under dispensation of Wellington Chapter No. 47. The service was well attended and was excellently conducted.

The success of this service can be attributed in great part to the untiring efforts of Ex. Comp. James N. McDonald, First Principal of Wellington Chapter. My sincere thanks goes to him for the great effort he put forth at this time.

LONDON DISTRICT NO. 2

R. Ex. Comp. Joseph Hessey

It is with much pleasure I submit my report on Royal Arch Masonry in London District No. 2.

It was a pleasure for me to appoint Ex. Comp. D. R. Thomson as my secretary.

I had fourteen Official visits on which I was always received with dignity and respect befitting a visit of the Grand First Principal.

The degree work done during my visits to the Chapters was performed in an excellent manner. The attendance on my visits was very gratifying with support of many Past and Present Grand Chapter Officers and the Companions. In my comments on my visits I ask the London District No. 2 to give more support to the Scholarship and Bursary Fund.

London District No. 2 held a District Divine Service on Oct. 16, 1966 at First Baptist Church, Richmond and Clarence St. in London. The service was conducted by Rev. Ralph Cummings assisted by myself and Most Ex. Comp. A.G.N. Bradshaw.

I attended Divine Church Service of Wawanosh Chapter No. 15 and Hiawatha Chapter No. 252, of Sarnia at Trinity Anglican Church on Murphy Rd. The Service was conducted by the Rev. Boris Milosevic, First Principals of the two Chapters.

During my term as Grand Superintendent of London District No. 2, I had the honour and privilege of presenting several Fifty-Year Jewels to Comps. Joseph William Grice of Palestine Chapter No. 54, St. Thomas, Ont., June 9, 1966, Ex. Comp. Bert Stratton of Aylmer Chapter No. 81 at Aylmer, Ont., on Sept. 1, 1966, Comp. Hiram Ward Zavitz of Beaver Chapter No. 74 of Strathroy at his home in Poplar Hill, Ont., on Nov. 13, 1966. I could say many things about these wonderful Companions. I certainly enjoyed the pleasure of presenting these Jewels at the meetings and chatting with these Companions.

I had the pleasure of presenting several Twenty-Five Year Past Principal's Jewels to Ex. Comp. Vermont Pow of Palestine No. 54, St. Thomas, Ont., on June 9, 1966, R. Ex. Comp. R. A. Stannard of Nilestown Chapter No. 247 of Nilestown, Ont., June 1966, Ex. Comp. R. L. Manning of Beaver Chapter No. 74, of Strathroy, Ont., on Nov. 7, 1966, Very Ex. Comp. James Smith, London Chapter No. 150, London, Ont., Nov. 15, 1966. At this presentation I was assisted by Most Ex. Comp. A.G.N. Bradshaw. These Ex. Comps. are to be congratulated for their contribution to Royal Arch Masonry over the past twenty-five years.

The Chapter of Instruction was held at the London Masonic Temple on June 23, 1966. Ex. Comp. Reg McKie of Aylmer Chapter No. 81 was in charge of the M.M.M. Degree. Ex. Comp. Wm. E. Eldridge of Wawanosh Chapter No. 15, of Sarnia, Ont., was in charge of the M.E.M. Degree. Ex. Comp. Alex MacGregor of Minnewawa Chapter No. 78 of Parkhill, Ont., was in charge of the H.R.A. Degree. It was a very worthwhile evening and each Degree was explained in the fullest with a question and answer period. Our attendance was not as good as it might have been.

I had the privilege of attending three dedication ceremonies with R. Ex. Comp. Leo J. Gent at Colborne, Ontario, Lindsay, Ont., and Preston, Ont. This is a very sincere and impressive ceremony and I enjoyed being able to attend them.

It was my privilege and honour during the month of Jan. 1967 of obligating all the Principals Elect at their installation Nights, of London District No. 2.

One of my first pleasant duties after Installation was to visit St. Paul's Chapter No. 242, Lambeth, Ont., where I presented new Scepters to the newly Installed Principals who donated the Scepters to the Chapter, in the persons of Ex. Comp. W. Chalcraft, Z., Ex. Comp. D. MacKenzie, H., Ex. Comp. E. Campbell, J. In the near future we will be attending dedication of St. Paul's No. 242 new Chapter Room in Lambeth.

Another highlight which is held at Sarnia was Ruling Principals Night held on May 6, 1966, with all the Ruling Principals of London

District No. 2, in which they exemplify the H.R.A. Degree in a dignified and excellent manner.

The future of Royal Arch Masonry prospects are good in London District No. 2. We suffered a net loss of (16) members through withdrawals, suspensions and deaths. This is (11) less than last year. We are endeavouring to turn the tide this Centennial Year, in London District No. 2 by having an increase in membership.

WILSON DISTRICT NO. 3

R. Ex. Comp. John O. Meckbach

Our first official duty was to arrange with the help of the First Principal of Oxford Chapter, Ex. Comp. J. J. Weber, a Chapter of Instruction for the district, at which Principals and Companions attended. At this time, May 27th, the Royal Arch Degree was exemplified and conferred, and a discussion period followed.

We attended installation of officers at some of the Chapters and also visited them on many other occasions.

On January 23rd we visited Harris Chapter for the Installation of Officers. At this time R. Ex. Comp. L. L. Mansfield was presented with a watch in appreciation of over twenty years as their Scribe E. and outstanding service to the Chapter.

Official visits were arranged and carried out as follows:

Oct. 12—Regal Chapter No. 253, Port Dover.

Oct. 17—Brant Chapter No. 115, Paris.

Oct. 28—Oxford Chapter No. 18, Woodstock.

Nov. 10—Ezra Chapter No. 23, Simcoe.

Nov. 15—Tillsonburg Chapter No. 255, Tillsonburg.

Nov. 17—Mount Horeb Chapter No. 20, Brantford.

Nov. 28—Harris Chapter No. 41, Ingersoll.

In all these visits we were graciously received and the meetings were conducted with dignity.

To my successor, congratulations; I will give him the support I was pleased to receive.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT NO. 4

R. Ex. Comp. Oliver T. Flint

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario:—

In compliance with the requirements of the Constitution of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario it affords me a privilege and the greatest of pleasure to submit my report of the conditions of Capitular Masonry in Wellington District, No. 4, in the Province of Ontario.

Of the many duties of the High Office, some far outshine the others. My first official and most pleasant duty was to appoint Ex. Comp. Geo. H. Moss as my District Secretary and right-hand man.

At the end of June, when a cloud hovered over Grand Chapter due to the sudden illness of Most Excellent Companion Girven, I immediately saw another duty and asked all S.E.'s and Z.'s to have their Chapter members offer up prayers for a speedy and complete recovery of our Most Excellent Z., and we can see that these prayers have been truly answered.

On Sunday October 23rd, our District Divine Service was held in the evening at St. George's Anglican Church, Guelph. Due to the serious illness of the Venerable S.A. Kirk, Archdeacon of Trafalgar, the Curate Rev. R. W. Linklater delivered a very interesting and inspiring address "A Layman's Impression of Masons and Masonry". About 75

Companions from the various Chapters of the District were present with a few Companions from London area and I was asked to read the two lessons. Many Masonic brethren and their wives were amongst the rest of the Congregation. After the lunch, I was asked by the Young People of the Church to answer some questions on Masonry.

My official visits were as follows:

Sept. 8th, 2nd Thursday—at Prince Edward Chapter No. 218, Shelburne.
 Sept. 27th, 4th Tuesday—at Ionic Chapter No. 83, Orangeville.
 Oct. 11th, 2nd Tuesday—Enterprise Chapter No. 67, Palmerston.
 Oct. 14th, 2nd Friday—Guelph Chapter No. 40, Guelph.
 Oct. 19th, 3rd Wednesday—Halton Chapter No. 234, Georgetown.
 Nov. 3rd, 1st Thursday—Kitchener Chapter No. 117, Kitchener.
 Nov. 15th, 3rd Tuesday—Durham Chapter No. 221, Durham.
 Nov. 22nd, 4th Tuesday—Preston Chapter No. 245, Preston.
 Nov. 24th, 4th Thursday, Waterloo Chapter No. 32, Galt.

During my term I have enjoyed visiting each Chapter at least twice, seven of the nine three times each. I had the extreme pleasure of attending five Installations, acting as Installing Z. for my own Chapter. To the new Officers in each case I extended my sincere congratulations on the honour conferred upon them. I reminded them of the great responsibility assumed and that a great measure of the success of their Chapter rested upon their resolutions and planning. At three Convocations I saw the Past Principals at work; two were 'sad' nights, the closing of the Temples in their accustomed locations and one a night of Masonic instruction on the Mark and Royal Arch Degrees.

On each of my visitations, Official or Fraternal, to me as the representative of Most Excellent Companion J. E. Girven, our Grand First Principal, a most cordial and respectful reception was extended with warmth, dignity and solemnity. The degree work was conferred or Masonic Education (one case) was presented in a very creditable and impressive manner. In all Chapters the musical part of the Degree work was colourfully and eagerly participated in, even if no organist were available. The Chapters, as a whole, have a right to feel proud of their work but should strive to maintain or improve this excellence. We must not become complacent. While the present Officers deserve much credit for the manner in which their Chapters do the work, it is true also that those who have preceded me as Grand Superintendents and the Past Principals cannot be praised too highly for their interest and efforts put to the good of Royal Arch Masonry; without this Wellington District would not have been able to reach the fine condition and excellence in which we find it today.

On all my visitations I tried to leave a message by a two to five minute inspiring address appertaining to Masonry and the Supreme Being; a different one for each visit (Official). In some cases the Principals asked if they could be mimeographed and sent to each of their Companions so that absent and present members would be able to read this message. This was done. Also on each visit, I attempted to create an interest of the Chapters, as a Centennial project, in the support of the Capitular Masonry Scholarship and Bursary Fund.

In June, two Chapters, Preston and Kitchener, bade farewell to their accustomed meeting places. To celebrate their closing on June 2nd, the Kitchener Chapter were hosts to many Grand Chapter Officers, both present and past, and a wonderful evening was enjoyed.

On Oct. 27th at Waterloo Chapter No. 32 of Galt, R. Ex. Comp. F. Carl Ackert was the Presiding Z. at their annual Past Principals'

night to confer the R.A.M., in the usual excellent manner. Many of the Past and Present Grand Chapter Officers were in attendance at the well-filled room for this outstanding evening. Most Excellent Comp. C. W. Emmett was the guest speaker and left with all a very worthwhile message.

On Jan. 21st, I had the distinct honour and extreme pleasure to introduce Most Excellent Companion James E. Girven and a large contingent of Grand Chapter Officers (Past and Present) and other visitors to Preston Chapter and later the Companions of Preston Chapter to Most Excellent Companion J. E. Girven on the occasion of the Consecration and Dedication of their new and very beautiful Chapter Rooms.

I had the pleasure to present three Past Principals' Jewels and five Grand Chapter certificates in Wellington District. Arrangements had been made to present a 50 year bar as a Past Principal to R. Ex. Comp. John F. Marr of Guelph Chapter but the Grim Reaper called and I was forced to present it posthumously just before an extremely large Masonic service. In all I attended three large Masonic funerals within the District, R. Ex. Comp. J. F. Marr, R. Ex. Comp. L. I. Tracy (Halton Chapter No. 234) and Ex. Comp. T. Nevin, Z of Halton Chapter. The large turn out of Chapter members of the District with other Masons of the Districts and area showed the high esteem with which these Masons were held. It seems that the Great Jehovah has felt that many of Wellington's Chapter members have served him well on earth, and He has called them to serve Him above and live in peace eternal, "We cherish their memories in our hearts". This has been the chief factor which has caused a decrease in the membership of the District. To off-set this, however, the Chapters have not apparently passed on the fact that Royal Arch Masonry restores to the Master Mason those secrets which he is told were lost. I have tried to suggest that we increase our membership with a special membership drive as a Centennial project. I also suggested that perhaps calling up a Companion, who has not been out recently, and say "we have missed you at Chapter, may I pick you up for this convocation, a great program is in store?" Each Chapter should have a live active and energetic Membership Committee.

Wellington District's Principals' Association which was started nine years ago is functioning remarkably well. Their Fall and Spring meetings were well attendd. The Grand Chapter Officers, who were invited as the guest speakers brought wonderful messages to us and took part in a question and answer session. This Association plan the order of visitations within the District for inter-Chapter improvement. They also act in conjunction with the District Education Committee under Very Ex. Comp. W. J. McCall of Orangeville. The D.E.C. would like the Chapters to call on their services more than they do so that they can justify their existence. These services are of vital importance to the Principals and the Chapters and the District.

On Saturday, March 18th, I held a meeting of the Principals of the District for an informal discussion of any problems which they might have for the start of their year. At this meeting I stressed the importance of the members re-visitations of the Chapters with a view of helping each other. As this is Canada's 100th birthday, it would be nice if Wellington could add 100 more Royal Arch Masons to our fold. This could be our aim, it would be then an exceptional year for Canada.

HAMILTON DISTRICT NO. 5

R. Ex. Comp. John D. Calder

Our Divine Church Service was held on June 26th, 1966, at 7:30 p.m. at the Jerseyville United Church with a very good attendance. The service was conducted by Rev. Fred Taylor with Comp. Gordon Hazelwood being the guest minister and speaker.

I am pleased to report the District's Masonic Instruction Committee under the direction of V. Ex. Comp. Edward Marshall has done an excellent job throughout the district this year.

On December 20th I was present at Ancaster Chapter and very proud on behalf of Most Ex. Comp. Girven to present two 25 year Past Principal's Jewels to Ex. Comp. O. E. Borman and Ex. Comp. J. L. Pickard.

Five Chapters of the district, White Oak, McKay, Hamilton, St. Clair and Ancaster, forwarded requested amendments to their By-Laws all of which were later approved by Grand Chapter.

One of the Chapters in the district is having a problem getting candidates and has been forced to fill some of the offices with Past Principals in order to carry on. This Chapter has been pledged assistance of our Principals Association and a brighter year is anticipated by the newly invested First Principal.

The overall picture of Capitular Masonry in this district is good even though the grim reaper again reduced our numbers. Chapter interest generally is good along with a good quality of work being given.

On all my official and fraternal visits I was received with dignity and in a warm, friendly manner. My official visits are listed below and degrees were either conferred or exemplified on these dates.

Sept. 8th—St. John's—M.M.M. Degree

Sept. 13th—White Oak—M.M.M. Degree

Sept. 20th—Hamilton—M.M.M. Degree

Sept. 22nd—Caledonia—M.E.M. Degree

Sept. 26th—King David—M.M.M. Degree

Oct. 3rd—Keystone—M.M.M. Degree

Oct. 12th—McKay—M.E.M. Degree

Oct. 18th—Ancaster—M.M.M. Degree

Oct. 28th—The Hiram—M.E.M. Degree

Nov. 17th—St. Clair—M.M.M. Degree

I was also pleased to attend eight of installations within the district as well as the Preston Installation where I was privileged to take a small part.

HURON DISTRICT NO. 6

R. Ex. Comp. Orville G. Oke

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

During my tenure of office it was my privilege to present a 25 year past Principal jewel at Lucknow and Tecumseh Chapters, and a 50 year membership jewel to a member at St. James Chapter.

Our District Divine Service was held June 19 in Northside United Church, Seaforth, where Ex. Comp. Rev. J. Clifford Britton is the minister, and also First Principal of The Malloch Chapter. It was my privilege and pleasure to read the lesson at this service. There were seventy-five Companions in attendance and a social hour was enjoyed in the banquet hall of the Masonic Temple after the service.

The Principals Association has held two meetings during the year with another dinner meeting planned for early April in Mitchell with Elliot Chapter acting as host. I regret that all Chapters in Huron Dis-

trict are not enthusiastic in sending representatives at least to the Association meetings or in taking part in the intervisit program of Chapters in Huron District, which the Association is promoting in the hope of encouraging more active participation in their home Chapters.

I am sorry to report that membership has dropped in Huron District due to deaths, demits and suspensions. In reading reports of other Districts for the past few years, I notice that it seems to be the same story. It is too bad that Grand Lodge does not encourage all brethren to go on to receive their Royal Arch Degree after they become Master Masons.

I have endeavoured at all my visits to stress the importance of Masonic Education and to encourage participation in the Bursary and Scholarship Fund. The Malloch and Elliot Chapters are contributing to this Fund in the form of a Memorial for our Companions who have passed on to the Grand Chapter above.

For geographical reasons, Chantry Chapter has made application to transfer from Huron District to Georgian District. Huron Chapter is a rural area and we cannot afford to have our membership weakened. It is to be hoped that the Grand Chapter Committee in charge of redistribution of boundaries will consider the new boundaries in terms of numbers of Companions per Chapter.

NIAGARA DISTRICT NO. 7

R. Ex. Comp. H. S. Winkworth

The dates of my official visits were as follows:

Grimsby No. 69, Grimsby—Monday, Oct. 3rd
 King Hiram No. 57, Port Colborne—Thursday, Oct. 6th
 Mount Moriah No. 19, St. Catharines—Friday, Oct. 14th
 McCallum No. 29, Dunnville—JMonday, Oct. 17th
 Mount Nebo No. 76, Chippawa—Friday, Oct. 21st
 Smithville No. 240, Smithville—Monday, Oct. 24th
 Willson No. 64, Welland—Wednesday, Nov. 2nd
 Niagara No. 55, Niagara-on-the-Lake—Friday, Nov. 4th
 Hugh Murray No. 184, Fort Erie—Tuesday, Nov. 8th

One of my first duties was the honour and privilege of presenting on behalf of Grand Chapter and M. Ex. Comp. James E. Girven a 25 year Past Principal's Jewel to Ex. Comp. Fred Gregory, Past Principal of Mount Nebo Chapter; On account of illness the jewel was presented at his residence.

I was also requested by R. Ex. Comp. W. A. Bowman, Grand Supt. of Temiskaming District No. 16, to present on his behalf a 25 year Past Principal's Jewel to Ex. Comp. George F. Mitchell, Past Z. of Northern Lights Chapter No. 213, who is now residing in Grimsby; also a 25 year Past Principal's Jewel was presented to Ex. Comp. Charles W. Hanna, Past Z. of Hugh Murray Chapter No. 184.

One of the highlights of our year was the District Divine Service held in Knox Presbyterian Church Central Ave. at Highland Sunday Oct. 2nd. I was pleased to have the honour of reading the Gospel Lesson, the response of the Companions of the various Chapters was very enthusiastic and the attendance was gratifying. Held at Fort Erie.

On my official visitations I was received with dignity and respect as the representative of the Grand First Principal.

All the Chapters excepting one conferred degrees, all the degrees witnessed were exemplified in a very efficient and capable manner.

I visited all the Chapters twice and some three times and hope to visit more before the end of my year.

A Chapter of Instruction was held at Willson Chapter No. 64. Welland, on November 23rd, the Chapters of the District were well re-

presented. Instructions on degree work and a question period was very enlightening.

All Chapters in the District initiated new members excepting one, and I am looking forward to an improvement there.

The quality of the work in the District is excellent, the membership has shown a loss while the attendance has shown an increase, the Companions called to the Grand Chapter above has a great bearing on the decrease of membership.

The stronger Chapters of the District should visit more often with the weaker Chapters; I am sure this would not only help with the work, but would be a great boost to the morale of the officers by seeing vacant chairs filled with Companions.

Instructions have been issued to the Chapters of the District on the various Committees and their functions in regard to the duties and assistance they will give in the administration of a sound and prosperous Chapter, these committees are a must.

The younger Companions should be doing more of the work, thus taking some of the load from the Past Principals, who have been so faithful in keeping the Chapters alive; this can be done by placing them on committees and giving them work to do, which will no doubt create a new interest.

The interest of the Chapters in the District are showing more enthusiasm, the fellowship is good and the outlook for the future is very promising.

TORONTO EAST DISTRICT NO. 8

R. Ex. Comp. Albert H. Baldwin

We attended a meeting of the Ruling Principals Association, Toronto District No. 8, which was very well represented by the Chapters. From this meeting I was able to draw up the following schedule for the official visits of inspection—

1966

May 13—York Chapter, No. 62—Toronto
 May 25—Orient Chapter No. 79—Toronto
 May 30—Aurora Chapter No. 235—Aurora
 Oct. 3—St. Andrew & St. John Chapter No. 4—Toronto
 Oct. 4—The Scarborough Chapter No. 263—Scarborough
 Oct. 6—Tyrian Chapter No. 258—Stouffville
 Oct. 12—Beaver Chapter No. 225—Toronto
 Oct. 13—Succoth Chapter No. 135—Uxbridge
 Oct. 17—The Beaches Chapter No. 163—Scarborough
 Oct. 18—The St. Patrick Chapter No. 145—Thornhill
 Oct. 27—King Solomon's Chapter No. 8—Toronto
 Oct. 28—St. Alban's Chapter No. 217—Thornhill
 Nov. 1—University Chapter No. 241—Thornhill
 Nov. 2—Victoria Chapter No. 205—Thornhill
 Nov. 10—St. Paul's Chapter No. 65—Toronto

Owing to difficulties of not having a complete set of Officers, St. Andrew and St. John Chapter No. 4 postponed their meeting of October 3, 1966, to November 7, 1966. The Beaches Chapter cancelled their meetings for a similar reason; they cannot get Companions in their Chapter to take office. This is surely a frustrating feeling for the remaining loyal members of The Beaches Chapter, who are looking for a way out by amalgamation.

In all cases I found the Officers of the various Chapters very efficient in their work, and the Companions on the side benches very attentive and interested. All but two Chapters conferred a degree on their own candidates.

The combined Church Service for Toronto Districts No. 8 and No. 8A at the Church of Nativity was well attended. The sermon was conducted by Rev. Canon Williams, and the Grand Superintendents of both Districts each took part by reading a lesson from the Bible.

During October, 1966, a Charter Member of St. Alban's Chapter, Comp. Henry William King, celebrated his 100th birthday. He is certainly a grand Royal Arch Mason. I had the honour of arranging for congratulatory messages to be conveyed to Comp. Henry William King for Her Majesty the Queen and the Grand 1st Principal, M. Ex. Comp. James E. Girven.

St. Alban's Chapter was host for the Royal Arch Lodge of Instruction on November 25, 1966, which was very well attended. A special degree team conferred the Holy Royal Arch, and questions were answered by V. Ex. Comp. James Turnbull.

The M.M.M. Lodge of Instruction will be held on February 22, 1967, at Orient Lodge No. 79, and the M.E.M. Lodge of Instruction will be held on March 7, 1967, at The Scarborough Chapter No. 263.

I am sure that Royal Arch Masonry has held its own for this year in this District. I am looking forward to a greater increase in membership for Royal Arch Masonry in Toronto District No. 8 during 1967—Canada's Centennial Year.

TORONTO WEST DISTRICT NO. 8A

R. Ex. Comp. Albert G. Sullivan

As my term of office draws to a close, it is my privilege to submit my report.

I have been able to visit each Chapter at least twice, and others three times.

During my official visits the work of the evening has been very good and on many occasions excellent, and the attendance has been good, at times as many as five Chapters have been represented. This I think is due to a well organized Ruling Principals' Association. At my official visits I have explained to the Officers and Companions, taking part in the work that I want them to understand that I am with them as the representative of the Grand First Principal, and I will act, as I am sure he would, if he were here. That I would not criticise or offer any constructive criticism, as some may call it in open Chapter. But anything that I see that may be wrong or could be improved on would be explained at the School of Instruction, this I am sure made the Officers and Companions feel at ease, and may have had some bearing on the fact that the work has been so good.

We have had a gain in membership, having had 113 new members but this has been offset by 48 deaths, 37 demits, and then suspensions. which has given us a total gain of 10, but this a gain which ever way you look at it.

The District Divine Service was attended by both Districts, and I was able to arrange it at the Church of Nativity Anglican, which was my church when I lived in that district, we had a very large turn out of Companions and their wives. Also Most Ex. Comp. M. A. Searle and Most Ex. Comp. C. Emmett, they also extended myself and the Grand Superintendent of District 8, the privilege of leading the Companions in, and the reading of the first and second Lessons.

The attendance at the Installation was outstanding, the Chapter being lined on both sides and the banquet room full, and many occasions we had the privilege of having M. Ex. Comp. M. Searle or M. Ex. Comp. C. Emmett and R. Ex. Comp. S. Porth with us, and I am sure that from what I have seen of the new officers, and the way in which the new Principals took over their duties, our Chapters are

again in good hands. As a matter of fact I have visited one Chapter and seen the new officers at work and they are excellent at their work.

At our School of Instruction we do not put on any degree, but after my short talk on how I think we may be able to improve on some of the things I had seen during my visits we have a Question and Answer period; with V. Ex. Comp. J. Turnbull there to answer any questions. This has become very popular, and very well attended.

From my observation I would say that we have had a good year in this district and can look well to the future.

GEORGIAN DISTRICT NO. 9

R. Ex. Comp. Gordon S. Hudson

The Report of Grand Superintendent Georgian District No. 9 for the Year 1966-67 is hereby respectfully submitted.

On May 18 at the conclusion of the regular meeting of Manitou Chapter, I assumed the chair and conducted a District meeting for the purpose of establishing the dates for my official visits to the other Chapters in the District.

Parry Sound expressed a desire to have their inspection on June 1st and on that night it was my pleasure to visit Seguin Chapter No. 261 and witness the M.E.M. degree. They are the youngest and the smallest Chapter in the district, but they are enthusiastic and ended the year with a net gain of one.

There were three inspections in October. On October 11 we visited Signet Chapter No. 34 in Barrie. They worked the M.M.M. degree very efficiently. All properties in very good condition but regret to say while five petitions were accepted they suffered a loss of four members over the year.

On October 14 we visited Couchiching Chapter No. 198 in Orillia. They gave a very warm welcome to the Grand Superintendent and worked the M.E.M. degree. They are the largest chapter in the district and ended the year with a gain of one.

October 25 Amabel No. 131 in Wiarton was our next visit, again the M.M.M. degree was worked. Amabel was working under difficulty due to the fact they are carrying on in the Town of Hepworth while a new Lodge Room is being built at Wiarton. Masonry seems to be in good hands in general.

On November 15 we visited Georgian Chapter No. 56 in Owen Sound. Again the M.M.M. degree was worked. Everything seems in good order. A gain in membership of one was registered.

On January 25 we had the distinct pleasure of inspecting my own Chapter Manitou No. 27 in Collingwood. The officers were quite proficient in the degree work despite this being the first meeting since installation. This Chapter has started on its second century of existence.

The last and final inspection was at Kichikewana Chapter No. 167 in Midland on February 13th. The M.E.M. degree was worked very proficiently. A loss of 4 in Membership during the year due chiefly to 7 deaths.

On September 13 a Chapter of Instruction was held in Signet Chapter in Barrie under the supervision of the Grand Supt. Comp. W. T. Kirkpatrick presiding.

During the year we had the pleasure of presenting one 25 year Past Z.'s jewel, one 60 year R.A.M. jewel and one 50 year R.A.M. jewel.

By way of recommendations, would suggest to incoming Grand Superintendent that all official inspections be completed not later than the end of January to allow ample time to prepare a report well in advance of the February 15 deadline.

ONTARIO DISTRICT NO. 10

R. Ex. Comp. James A. Bird

As my term of office draws to a close it is my pleasure to submit a report on the condition of Royal Arch Masonry in Ontario District No. 10.

During the year I have made visits of inspection to all Chapters in the District and in addition I was able to visit all Chapters one or more times. The work was of a generally high standard despite the fact that some small Chapters are handicapped by small membership and a poor attendance. Past Principals are doing an excellent job of assisting and supporting the Chapter officers throughout the District. It was my high privilege, on the occasion of my official visit to Keystone Chapter No. 35, to present, on behalf of the Grand First Principal and Grand Chapter, 25 year past Principal's Jewels to Ex. Comps. A. E. Kearney, R. Winters, and J. G. Bateman. Also, on Sunday, Sept. 24th a District Divine Service was held in St. Paul's United Church, Warkworth, with the Grand Superintendent reading the lesson. After the service lunch was served for the visiting Companions by the members of Warkworth Chapter.

This has been a most significant year for Royal Arch Masonry in the Ontario District. On four separate occasions Grand Chapter visited the District to dedicate new Chapter rooms: Sept. 16th — Keystone Chapter No. 35, Whitby under the direction of M. Ex. Comp. Chas. Emmett, P.G.Z., Sept. 24th — King Darius Chapter No. 134, Cannington and Nov. 22nd Excelsior Chapter No. 45, Colborne under direction of M. Ex. Comp. Maurice A. Searle, P.G.Z., and Jan. 14th—Midland Chapter No. 94 with M. Ex. Comp. James E. Girven presiding.

Another event that we trust augers well for the future of Capitular Masonry in Ontario District was the formation of a Principals' Association this past year. The groundwork was laid for this undertaking at a dinner meeting in Peterborough, June 4th, when R. Ex. Comp. Portch was the guest speaker and the Association was formally organized at a later meeting held in Peterborough on Oct. 13th. Some time has elapsed in promotion and recruitment but the Association will launch its first undertaking in the form of a Chapter of Instruction in Victoria Chapter, Port Hope, on Mar. 1. Ruling First Principals will be occupying the chairs and will exemplify the H.R.A. Degree. We look forward to a good response and now that the formative stages have passed I am sure that the Principals' Association will be carrying out a full and useful program next year.

On the evening of Feb. 18th Pentalpha Chapter No. 28 will be celebrating their Centennial with a banquet at the Genosha Hotel in Oshawa and will be honoured to have M. Ex. Comp. Girven as their banquet speaker. Then on Mar. 4th at the Masonic Temple in Peterborough there will be a District reception for the Grand First Principal at which time M. Ex. Comp. Girven will be received by his mother Chapter, Corinthian No. 36, and later feted at a dinner in his honour to which the ladies are invited. Finally on Mar. 20 in Campbellford, Ionic Chapter No. 168 will be holding their anniversary ladies' night banquet at which time R. Ex. Comp. Stanley Portch, Grand H., will be their guest speaker.

All of these events have combined to make this a most interesting and rewarding year. It has however been a matter of profound regret on the part of myself and the whole District that, for reasons of serious ill health, M. Ex. Comp. Girven was unable to participate in many of the events taking place in his own district. Nevertheless, we do rejoice in his return to good health again and are very pleased that he has been able to make a few appearances in the District of late.

In conclusion I would say that there are two serious problems that pervade our whole District — declining membership and poor attendance at meetings. It would seem that every effort should be directed to overcoming this problem and surely a carefully selected and energetic membership committee is an absolute necessity in all our Chapters. In addition the officers should carefully consider all possible means of stimulating the membership to regular attendance by planning interesting Chapter programs. Three likely possibilities would seem to be: a good Masonic Education program, maximum involvement of the Companions in degree work and committee activities and the promotion of more inter-Chapter visitations. I should like to close by wishing all the Chapters every success in the future.

PRINCE EDWARD DISTRICT NO. 11

R. Ex. Comp. Burton Woodbeck

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal and the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario, I humbly submit my report on the conditions of Royal Arch Masonry in Prince Edward District No. 11.

Ex. Comp. John L. Good graciously consented to act as my secretary. He accompanied me on many casual visits and on all official visits, presented the travelling triangle, inspected the books and records of the Chapters visited; particularly on the official visits listed below:

Mt. Sinai No. 44, Napanee, June 15—H.R.A.

St. Mark's No. 26, Trenton, June 21—H.R.A.

Presqu'île No. 144, Brighton, Sept. 20—M.M.M.

Madoc No. 161, Madoc, Sept. 26

Quinte Friendship No. 227, Belleville, Oct. 10—M.M.M.

Prince Edward No. 31, Picton, Oct. 17—M.E.M.

The Moira No. 7, Belleville, Nov. 1—M.E.M.

Keystone No. 72, Stirling, Nov. 3—M.M.M.

While no degree was conferred at my official visit to Madoc Chapter, I had witnessed a Royal Arch Degree conferred in a very commendable manner on two candidates at their regular Convocation, May 24, 1966. I have made from three to five visits so far to each Chapter in the District. In every case and in other Masonic bodies, I have been received in the dignified and courteous manner befitting the representative of the Grand First Principal. The ritualistic work was well done and the genial and courteous friendship of the Companions was evident both in and outside the Chapter room.

On May 17, 1966, I attended a Craft night in St. Mark's Chapter, Trenton.

On May 26, 1966, I instigated, at our Principals' Association meeting the forming of a District Installing Team which functioned at Keystone and Madoc Chapters very efficiently.

On June 4, 1966, I welcomed St. George's Chapter No. 2, London, accompanied by R. Ex. Comp. Joseph Hessey, their Grand Superintendent, on their annual visit to Quinte Friendship Chapter No. 227, Belleville.

On September 24, 1966, at my request, a School of Instruction was held at the Belleville Masonic Temple under the direction of M. Ex. Comp. Bruce H. Smith, assisted by R. Ex. Comp. Lorne Vaughan, Chairman of Masonic Education. Some fifty Companions, representing all Chapters of the District, were present and took part in the interesting, lively and worthwhile discussions.

On September 25, 1966, several Companions and I attended the Ontario District No. 10 Divine Service held at Warkworth.

On October 1, 1966, I was present at Quinte Friendship Chapter

and welcomed M. Ex. Comp. Maurice A. Searle and the Companions of The St. Patrick Chapter No. 145, Toronto, to this District.

On October 16, 1966, our annual District Divine Service was held in the Belleville Masonic Temple. A good attendance of Craft and Cap-
itular members, their wives and families, heard a very interesting message on "Casual Tokens" by R. Ex. Comp. Rev. James A. Payton, Grand Chaplain, with M. Ex. Comp. Bruce H. Smith reading the lesson. After the service refreshments were served and a social hour spent.

On October 22, 1966, Mrs. Woodbeck and I were guests at St. Mark's Chapter's Centennial Banquet held in the Masonic Temple, Trenton. Several Grand Chapter Officers and Companions of other Districts were present to help St. Mark's celebrate this memorable occasion.

On October 27, 1966, a meeting of the Principals' Association was held at Belleville, where I made several suggestions for the betterment of Royal Arch Masonry in this District.

A schedule of inter-Chapter visits has been drawn up for February, March and April. As the Craft Lodges in this District are having inter-Lodge visits, I feel this idea is probably being overworked.

On February 11, 1967, Keystone Chapter No. 72, Stirling, held a Ladies' Night, the first in some twenty odd years. This was largely attended by Craft and Cap-
itular Masons of the District and their wives. This proved to be a most delightful and entertaining evening.

The services of our Masonic Education and Instruction Committee should be used more by our Chapters. Many of the monthly summons could be greatly improved as to informative and interesting content. All summons received should be read in open Chapter if not stale dated. Several Chapters in this District are to be congratulated on their new Centennial designed covers and improvement in content. An interesting and informative summons is greatly appreciated by non-resident, resident, aged and shut-in Companions and should improve attendance.

The competent and sincere Principal Officers of all Chapters should be better supported and encouraged by the members and all committees functioning.

I am happy to report that the books and records in all Chapters are neatly and correctly kept. In 1966 this District had eight withdrawals, four suspensions and twenty-eight deaths but we still showed an increase of three. Our attendance of both members and visitors is on a par with last year. In company with my secretary and several other Companions of Keystone Chapter I have made a total of thirty-two visits in the District to date.

On behalf of the Grand First Principal and Grand Chapter I have presented the following:

On June 27, 1966, 25 year Past Principal's Jewel to V. Ex. Comp. Dave Kernohan, Ex. Comp. Percy Naylor and Ex. Comp. Lloyd Blue of Madoc Chapter No. 161, Madoc. On December 20, 1966, 50 year Royal Arch Mason's Jewel to Comp. F. Tyler of Enterprise Chapter No. 67, Palmerston, who now resides in Trenton and visits St. Mark's Chapter regularly.

We have also attended the very impressive dedications of Excel-
sior Chapter No. 45, Colborne and Midland Chapter No. 94, Lindsay. We have visited the Principals' Association meeting, several social and other functions held by the various Chapters and Craft Lodges.

I hope that my efforts have been of some small benefit to Royal Arch Masonry in Prince Edward District No. 11. If so, I will feel amply rewarded. I wish for the Companions in this District every success and may the Blessings of the Great Jehovah be ever with us.

ST. LAWRENCE DISTRICT NO. 12

R. Ex. Comp. E. A. Barnard

The Chapters of St. Lawrence District are all functioning in the best Masonic tradition under very capable leadership. Maitland Chapter at Kemptville is the only Chapter in the district to have their own annual church parade which is always well attended. Interest is very keen by those attending Chapter but it seems to be a problem to get the younger and the new members to take an active part.

A Chapter of Instruction was held in Brockville which is in the centre of the district. It was conducted by V. Ex. Comp. Jas. Turnbull who has an immense wealth of Chapter knowledge at his fingertips and was able to answer all questions put to him from the floor. Grand Chapter is very fortunate to have such a man in this position.

All the Chapters of the district have set up committees for the Grand Chapter Bursary and Scholarship Fund and it is hoped that this work may be expanded to a much greater degree in the future.

The Chapters of the district all had an inter-change of visits, with more than what were actually scheduled by the Grand Superintendent.

Ancient Frontenac and Cataragui Chapter of Kingston has done a wonderful job this last year in setting up a degree team to visit the Craft Lodges in their area.

OTTAWA DISTRICT NO. 13

R. Ex. Comp. Fred Fairfield

I have much pleasure in submitting my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in the Ottawa District No. 13.

Following is a list of the Chapters in this District and the dates on which they were officially inspected:—

Laurentian No. 151, Pembroke, Thursday, June 16th
 St. John's No. 148, Vankleek Hill, Thursday, June 23rd
 Glengarry No. 143, Maxville, Monday, June 27th
 Prince of Wales No. 226, Perth, Thursday, Sept. 15th
 Ottawa No. 222, Ottawa, Thursday, Sept. 29th
 Dochart No. 248, Arnprior, Monday, October 3rd
 Kitchener No. 216, Russell, Wednesday, October 5th
 Granite No. 61, Almonte, Thursday, October 13th
 Bonnechere No. 114, Renfrew, Monday, October 17th
 Carleton No. 16, Ottawa, Wednesday, October 19th
 Maple No. 116, Carleton Place, Wednesday, Nov. 2nd
 St. Francis No. 133, Smiths Falls, Thursday, Nov. 17th

In addition to the above official visits of inspection, I attended a joint convocation of Laurentian and Bonnechere Chapters held in the Renfrew Chapter rooms on May 16th, when Laurentian Chapter conferred the Royal Arch Degree on a class of five candidates. On May 19th, a Grand Chapter Night was held in St. Francis Chapter rooms sponsored by the Principals and Past Principals' Association, on which occasion I was privileged to occupy the chair of Zerubbabel, when the Royal Arch Degree was conferred on three candidates. On Sept. 24th, Ottawa Chapter were hosts to the Most Excellent High Priest of the State of New York, Harold W. Day, accompanied by Officers and Companions of Mexico Chapter No. 135, R.A.M. State of New York. A delightful banquet was served after which the Officers and Companions of Ottawa Chapter conferred the Royal Arch Degree. On Sunday, Sept. 25th, the visiting Companions joined with the Officers and Companions of the host Chapter for morning worship at Wesley United Church, followed by a luncheon for the Companions and their ladies.

During the year I attended and took part in Divine Services held by Maple Chapter, Carleton Place; Carleton Chapter, Ottawa, and St.

Francis Chapter, Smith Falls. I also had the honour and privilege of presenting a Twenty Five Year Past Principal's Jewel on behalf of the Most Excellent Grand Z. and Grand Chapter, to V. Ex. Comp. Thomas Barclay of Granite Chapter, and a Fifty Year Jewel was presented to Comp. J. B. Illingworth of Granite Chapter, Almonte, the presentation being made on behalf of the M. Ex. Grand Z., by his son, Ex. Comp. Arnold Illingworth.

A Chapter of Instruction was held in Almonte on June 8th, and although the attendance was somewhat disappointing, those who did attend derived a great deal of benefit from information supplied by R. Ex. Comp. H. T. C. Humphries and other Past Grand Chapter officers.

Degree work was conferred on each of the twelve visits. From the very effective and efficient manner in which the work was conducted it was evident that all who took part had expended a great deal of time and effort in making themselves proficient. The business was conducted in a creditable manner and my Secretary had a very good report to hand me on the books and records of the Chapters.

In my remarks I endeavoured to stress the importance of preventing loss of membership through withdrawals and suspensions. On each occasion I also directed the attention of the Companions to the Scholarship and Bursary Fund with an explanation of eligibility of applicants.

ALGOMA DISTRICT NO. 14

R. Ex. Comp. Philip S. Moline

The statistical report for 1966 shows that Algoma District has had an increase in membership; that the spirit of Capitular Masonry is very good over all in this district.

Some of our Chapters have members who have a considerable distance to travel in order to attend meetings. This keeps our attendance down in certain Chapters. The same thing applies to inter-Chapter visits.

All Chapters have set up a "Bursary Committee" and I believe this is being well supported by the Companions. It was also a great joy to Algoma District to have one of our Companions' son (from Rainy River) a recipient of this fund. I will admit it gave us, in this distant area, a boost and a feeling that we are not forgotten.

Our older members in this district are still active and I am proud to say that eight Masonic Jewels were presented this year.

5—Fifty-year Royal Arch Mason's Jewel

2—Twenty-five year Past Principal Jewel

1—Sixty-year Bar

Algoma District is in a favourable condition. I can foretell a most promising and healthy future for Capitular Masonry.

NEW ONTARIO DISTRICT NO. 15

R. Ex. Comp. A. J. Mellis

It is indeed a pleasure for me, your Representative in New Ontario District No. 15, to report on the conditions of this District.

I, along with my District Secretary, Ex. Comp. W. H. Smith, made all our Official Visits representing you to the best of our ability. We visited the following.

Algonquin Chapter No. 102 on September 23rd, where the M.M.M. Degree was conferred.

Espanola Chapter No. 257 on October 18th, where the M.M.M. Degree was conferred.

Tuscan Chapter No. 95 on November 8th and the Royal Arch Degree was conferred.

St. John's Chapter No. 103 on December 1st, where the M.E.M. Degree was conferred.

Taking each Chapter, as we visited them, I would report as follows:

Algonquin Chapter No. 102—The condition of the regalia was excellent. The officers were very proficient in their work. We found the books to be in excellent shape and the Algonquin Chapter is in fairly good financial condition. Their Committees seemed to be working Fellowship and enthusiasm seemed to be very high. I was received as your Representative, in a very dignified Masonic fashion. Their attendance is fairly good.

Espanola Chapter No. 257—This Chapter is in a one-industry town of Northern Ontario. I found them to have a very enthusiastic group of Officers. They received us royally. The work of the Officers and members was excellent. They have a very beautiful Lodge Hall, and their regalia is in good shape. Their books are kept in good condition. Espanola Chapter does have a problem in that it is a small town and they draw some of their members from as far away as Manitoulin Island. Some of their Officers drive from the Island every Lodge night. They are having a problem in obtaining enough candidates, however, I do feel that with the enthusiasm of the Officers and the good fellowship that prevails, Espanola Chapter will come right along. The attendance at their meetings is on par with other years.

Tuscan Chapter No. 95—This Chapter, I would think, is our most successful Chapter in this District. They have a very large population to draw from and they have had a number of candidates during the year. Their Officers are very proficient and enthusiasm is high. They have some Junior Officers coming along that are very good. Their Committees are working good. They have an excellent Finance Committee that is well looked after by a very well known R. Ex. Comp. They have good attendance at their meetings and it is a very sound Chapter.

St. John's Chapter No. 103—The work of the Officers of this Chapter is excellent. The Regalia is in excellent shape and the books of the Chapter are in excellent condition. The Committees work very well and enthusiasm is high. They do have a problem in that they only had one candidate during the year. At the present time, the Chapter is not too financially well off, in fact they are quite concerned about this, as St. John's Chapter will have to commence paying rent on their Hall this year, which is something they have not had to do for a number of years. All that is needed in the Chapter to put things right again is new candidates and I feel that with the capable Officers in office and those coming up, they will have the St. John's Chapter back on its feet in the near future.

Recommendations:

I was not able to hold a Lodge of Instruction this year. This was due, in most part, to the long distance between the Chapters in the District. The weather in Northern Ontario can make very hazardous driving conditions in October and November. I would recommend that the new Incoming Grand Superintendent, and those that may follow, start to arrange a Lodge of Instruction right after being elected in the Spring, so that all arrangements are made to hold same in early September.

TEMISKAMING DISTRICT NO. 16

R. Ex. Comp. Wm. A. Bowman

It is with sincere pleasure that I submit my report as Grand Superintendent of Temiskaming District No. 16 for the year 1966-67.

My first visit was to Kirkland Chapter on May 25th, on the occasion of their Past Principal's night, when the Royal Arch degree was worked. I was present when the regular Kirkland officers worked the

same degree on their visit to Temiskaming Chapter in June, and on both occasions the work was well done.

We next visited Northern Lights Chapter on October 19th, when a good turn out of members and visitors watched the exemplification of the Mark Master Mason degree.

On my visit to Temiskaming Chapter on November 10th, the Most Excellent Master degree was exemplified, and the same degree was worked when I visited Abitibi Chapter on November 30th. In both cases the work was well done. Abitibi Chapter deserves a great deal of credit, because since they lost their meeting place by fire over a year ago, they have been forced to use Timmins Masonic Temple forty miles away.

GRAND TREASURER'S STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

To the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons
of Canada in the Province of Ontario:
Most Excellent Grand "Z" and Companions:

I submit herewith Statement of Receipts and Disbursements for the
period March 1, 1966, to February 28, 1967

GENERAL ACCOUNT

RECEIPTS

Balance—February 28, 1966		\$ 6,048.60
Received from Grand Scribe E.:		
Receipts from Chapters	\$22,153.77	
Transfer from Life Membership		
Fund	1,207.50	
Transfer from Chapters' Life		
Membership	39.75	
Interest on Investments	2,337.50	
Sales to other Grand Chapters	503.00	
Charged to Capital Expenditures	150.00	
Sundry Sales	32.20	
	26,423.72	\$32,472.32

DISBURSEMENTS

Grand Scribe E. Office:		
Compensation	\$5,851.10	
Assistants	4,076.00	
Rent	2,528.00	
Miscellaneous	1,136.18	
Special Donation	100.00	
Canada Pension Plan and G.S.E.		
Annuity	1,643.12	
Printing:		
Proceedings	1,734.28	
General	366.93	
Travelling:		
Grand Z.	1,800.00	
General	62.85	
Expenses:		
Grand Convocation	3,623.60	
Grand Executive	2,208.27	
Grand Historian and Reviewer	300.00	
Audit Fee	500.00	
Jewels, Medals and Engraving	202.68	
Education and Instruction	105.30	
Masonic Library	125.00	
Canadian Masonic Research Association	50.00	
Supplies for resale	43.83	
Grand Z. Regalia	70.46	
Insurance	51.25	
Scholarship & Bursary Fund Expense	171.20	
Capital Expenditures	53.90	
Balance—as at February 28, 1967		
	\$26,803.95	

\$5,668.37

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Balance—February 28, 1966		\$1,478.89
Received from Grand Scribe E.:		
Receipts:		
Bank Interest	\$ 46.13	
Bond Interest	3,219.85	
Province of Ontario 3% 1966 Bonds	3,000.00	
		6,265.98
		\$7,744.87

DISBURSEMENTS

Cost of Benevolent Supplies	\$ 134.03	
Benevolence	1,500.00	
Purchase of Royal Trust Co. 6½% 1971 Bonds	3,000.00	
		\$4,634.03
Balance—February 28, 1967		3,110.84
		\$7,744.87

GRAND CHAPTER LIFE MEMBERSHIP FUND

RECEIPTS

Balance—February 28, 1966		\$ 155.36
Receipts:		
Interest on Investments	\$ 770.00	
Bank Interest	8.11	
Commutations	1,720.00	
		2,498.11
		\$2,653.47

DISBURSEMENTS

Transferred to General Fund	\$1,207.50	
Balance as at February 28, 1967	1,445.97	
		\$2,653.47

CHAPTERS' LIFE MEMBERSHIP FUND

RECEIPTS

Balance—February 28, 1966		\$272.96
Receipts:		
Bank Interest	8.52	
		\$281.48

DISBURSEMENTS

Transferred to General Fund	\$ 39.75	
Balance as at Feb. 28, 1967	241.73	
		\$281.48

SCHOLARSHIP AND BURSARY FUND

RECEIPTS

Balance February 28, 1966		\$2,179.25
Donations	\$4,109.50	
Less Direct Donation State of Israel	324.00	
Bonds \$324.		3,785.50
Bank Interest		\$ 64.21
Bond Interest		358.50
		<u>4,208.21</u>
		\$6,387.46

DISBURSEMENTS

Bursaries and Scholarships	\$2,750.00	
Sundry Expenses	190.07	
		<u>\$2,940.07</u>
Balance—February 28, 1967		3,447.39
		<u>\$6,387.46</u>

Respectfully submitted,

FRED W. DEAN, P.G.Z.,
Grand Treasurer.

Examined and verified—John D. Lewars, C.A., Auditor.

This Report was presented by the Grand Scribe E., and on motion of R. Ex. Comp. S. Portch, seconded by the G.S.E., it was received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE GRAND SCRIBE E.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

I present herewith my sixth Annual Report as Grand Scribe E. covering a detail of the Receipts, Special Credits and the Ledger Balances of the Constituent Chapters as of February 28, 1967. The Annual Returns of the 158 Chapters have been received, reviewed and tabulated. All have been examined and verified by Grand Chapter Auditor, Bro. John D. Lewars, C.A.

REVENUE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR

March 1, 1966, to February 28, 1967

No.	Name of Chapter	Amount	Balance Debit	Balance Credit
1	Ancient Frontenac & Cataragui ..	\$221.00	\$ 1.00	
2	The Hiram	173.40		\$0.65
3	St. John's, London	151.50	2.50	
4	St. Andrew and St. John	117.00		2.50
5	St. George's	173.00	3.00	
6	St. John's, Hamilton	148.00	8.00	
7	The Moira	240.50		
8	King Solomon's	259.10	133.00	
15	Wawanosh	182.35		2.50
16	Carleton	546.50		2.00
18	Oxford	221.10	5.50	
19	Mount Moriah	227.50		2.50
20	Mount Horeb	71.70		1.00
22	Grenville	78.00		10.65
23	Ezra	144.00	1.50	
24	Tecumseh	258.00		
26	St. Mark's	140.50	.15	
27	Manitou	115.50		

No.	Name of Chapter	Amount	Balance Debit	Balance Credit
28	Pentalpha	269.50		
29	McCallum	112.50		4.00
30	Huron	134.00	4.00	
31	Prince Edward	189.00		.50
32	Waterloo	171.50	1.50	
34	Signet	120.00		6.50
35	Keystone, Whitby	91.50		
36	Corinthian	420.00		
37	Victoria, Port Hope	108.00		1.50
40	Guelph	176.50	74.50	
41	Harris	103.50		
44	Mount Sinai, Napanee	138.00		
45	Excelsior	76.00		1.00
46	St. James	80.25	28.75	
47	Wellington	141.80	13.30	
48	St. John's, Cobourg	82.50		5.75
53	Bruce	86.00	.50	
54	Palestine, St. Thomas	210.00		3.33
55	Niagara	86.50	11.00	
56	Georgian	102.00		
57	King Hiram	153.50	4.00	
59	Sussex-St. Lawrence	265.00		13.53
61	Granite	102.50		.50
62	York	142.30	62.00	
63	Havelock	89.50	9.50	
64	Willson	103.00		10.50
65	St. Paul's, Toronto	68.75	2.75	
66	The Malloch	82.40		
67	Enterprise	86.50		.85
68	Maitland	107.50		3.85
69	Grimsby	77.30		3.00
71	Prince of Wales, Essex	125.50		3.00
72	Keystone, Stirling	95.50		
73	Erie	155.00		
74	Beaver, Strathroy	99.00	10.00	
75	St. Clair, Milton	135.00	87.15	
76	Mount Nebo	74.00		
77	Occident	186.00		3.00
78	Minnewawa	121.50		
79	Orient	94.20		9.00
80	Ark	236.00		.65
81	Aylmer	89.50		
82	Shuniah	247.50		2.50
83	Ionic, Orangeville	103.50	.50	
84	Lebanon, Wingham	71.00		
88	MacNabb	99.00	.50	
90	Golden	201.00		2.10
91	Toronto-Antiquity	167.30		6.50
94	Midland	85.50		
95	Tuscan	372.00		2.95
102	Algonquin	249.10		17.25
103	St. John's, North Bay	138.00		
104	White Oak	147.50	80.50	
110	Warkworth	66.00	24.47	
112	St. John's, Morrisburg	102.00		6.00
113	Covenant	369.00		
114	Bonnechere	117.00		1.00

No.	Name of Chapter	Amount	Balance Debit	Balance Credit
115	Brant	92.00		2.50
116	Maple	95.00		1.00
117	Kitchener, Kitchener	172.00	15.00	
119	King Cyrus, Leamington	139.00		1.00
129	Elliot	80.00	2.00	
130	Chantry	61.50		1.15
131	Amabel	104.00		.50
132	Leeds	100.50	2.05	
133	St. Francis	263.50	28.50	
134	King Darius	77.50		
135	Succoth	64.00	1.50	
138.	Shekinah	343.30		13.50
140	Fort William	228.00	8.90	
143	Glengarry	84.50		
144	Presqu'île	54.50		
145	The St. Patrick	195.00		25.50
146	Bernard	116.00		3.50
147	Lucknow	95.00		9.75
148	St. John's, Vankleek Hill	93.50	2.65	
149	Atwood	44.00		
150	London	117.70		1.00
151	Laurentian	223.50	130.00	
152	Alberton	170.30	8.45	
153	Sombra	91.50		.50
155	Ancaster	98.50		6.50
161	Madoc	123.00		
163	The Beaches	75.50		3.50
164	Lorne	79.00		
167	Kichikewana	151.00		5.00
168	Ionic, Campbellford	113.50		1.50
169	Temiskaming	84.50	6.50	
175	The Hamilton	130.90		.05
184	Hugh Murray	115.00		
195	Peel	176.50		.15
198	Couchiching	157.50		.15
205	Victoria, Thornhill	143.70	1.00	
210	Kitchener, Russell	95.50	.50	
212	Mount Sinai, Toronto	446.50		1.50
213	Northern Lights	112.50		
214	Vimy	75.50		
215	Mimico	315.00		5.50
217	St. Alban's	136.00	55.00	
218	Prince Edward, Shelburne	63.50		1.50
219	Ulster	152.80	40.50	
220	Lebanon, Lambton Mills	164.50		
221	Durham	68.00	8.50	
222	Ottawa	320.00		.15
223	Abitibi	72.00		.35
224	Keystone, Hamilton	98.00		3.00
225	Beaver ,Toronto	106.80		
226	Prince of Wales, Perth	161.10	1.00	
227	Quinte Friendship	266.00	2.50	
230	Port Credit	107.50	59.85	
231	The St. Clair, Toronto	196.30		24.70
232	King Cyrus, Toronto	98.00		
233	Oakwood	132.10	2.70	
234	Halton	131.90	1.05	
235	Aurora	129.00		1.00

No.	Name of Chapter	Amount	Balance Debit	Balance Credit
236	Caledonia	84.00		.50
238	The St. Andrew	167.00	1.00	
239	Blenheim	101.50		1.00
240	Smithville	68.00	7.00	
241	University	86.00		.50
242	St. Paul's, Lambeth	70.00		1.50
243	McKay	88.50	15.65	
245	Preston	65.50		2.15
246	Humber	197.50		
247	Nilestown	153.50	81.50	
248	Dochert	74.50	10.00	
249	Palestine, Bowmanville	100.00		3.00
250	Thomas Peter's	228.00	24.50	
251	Kirkland	151.20	2.50	
252	Hiawatha	204.00	8.00	
253	Regal	97.00		
254	Golden Star	197.30		
255	Tillsonburg	117.00	6.00	
257	Espanola	102.00		
258	Tyrian	55.40	2.50	
259	Quetico	61.50	5.85	
260	Centennial	70.00	28.00	
261	Seguin	49.50		.65
262	King David	77.50	14.50	
263	The Scarborough	203.50		
	Grand Chapter of Alberta	124.00	100.00	
	Grand Chapter of British Columbia	205.00		
	Grand Chapter of Manitoba	112.00	50.00	
	Grand Chapter of New Brunswick	32.00	20.00	
	Grand Chapter of Quebec	100.00		
	Grand Chapter of Saskatchewan	125.00	25.00	
	Rebate of Exective Committee expenses	240.81		
	Sales to sundry individuals	32.20		
	Grand Convocation receipts	2,636.35		
	Travel rebate	200.00		
	Sales of equipment	150.00		
	Transfer from Life Membership Fund	1,177.50		
		\$27,600.21	\$1,349.72	\$254.31

CASH RECEIPTS

For the year ended February 28, 1967

Receipts from Chapters	\$22,153.77
Grand Convocation receipts	2,877.16
Transfer from Life Membership Fund	1,207.50
Transfer from Chapters' Life Membership Fund	39.75
Interest on investments	2,337.50
Sales to other Grand Chapters	503.00
Sale of History	24.00
Sundries	8.20
Sale of Equipment	150.00
Recovery of Expenses:	
Scholarship and Bursary Fund	190.07
V. T. B. F.	134.03
Travel Rebate—Grand Z.	200.00

Examined and verified—John D. Lewars, C.A., Auditor	\$29,824.98
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It is regretted that I must again report that Demits, Suspensions and the grim reaper all combined to offset the additions in membership so that this Grand Jurisdiction had a net loss of 217 for the year 1966.

I am sorry to report it was necessary to keep the Ledger open until the second week in March although the Constituent Chapter year ended December 31st, 1966, and the Grand Chapter fiscal year ended February 28th, 1967, due to the late receiving of the year end Chapter Annual Reports and Returns. Twenty-nine percent of the Chapters were delinquent as of January 31st, the Constitutional dead-line for filing of the Chapter Returns. As a matter of record the last two Returns were received Thursday, March 9th, with the Auditor arriving at Grand Chapter office the following Tuesday. You will readily agree, I am sure, that this does not permit your Grand Scribe E. proper time to prepare for the Grand Chapter fiscal year end audit, or to properly carry out the general office work and makes it virtually impossible for him to prepare the reports on time for use of everyone who is called upon to quote statistics. While this is a regrettable state of affairs it is certainly not new and Proceedings of over thirty years ago carry similar problems. Your Grand Scribe E. is of the opinion that the Scribe's E. are not fully aware of the necessity of proper Returns, with the unhappy consequences, and it is hoped that an educational drive may be instituted for the First Principals and Scribes E. of the constituent Chapters pointing out these problems, including the proper manner in reporting of new additions to the Chapter rolls. Once again I am asking for the wholehearted support of every First Principal and Scribe E. of each Chapter. The last day for filing is January 31st, not February 28th. At other times of the year the Scribes E. are most co-operative, with excellent response to correspondence, etc., and this is indeed most appreciated.

The completed Office Systems have proven to be of great convenience in every day use and especially in the processing of the Annual Returns and Grand Chapter reports. As time permits further refinements will be added. The Master File, when completed, should permit even greater speed in compiling requested data, especially from the individual Chapters.

I wish to assure the Scribes E. that I always welcome an opportunity to assist them in their Chapter problems and welcome their letters of enquiry.

To the Most Excellent The Grand Z. I wish to express my appreciation and thanks for the continued co-operation and assistance in correspondence.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert John Hamilton,

Grand Scribe E.

Moved by R. Ex. Comp. Stanley Portch, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. R. J. Hamilton, and—

Resolved—That the report of the Grand S.E. be received and adopted.

AUDITOR'S FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Most Excellent Companion, James Elwood Girven, Grand First Principal, Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

Most Excellent Sir:

I have made by regular examination of the books of account and supporting records of the Grand Scribe E. and the Grand Treasurer of the Grand Chapter of the Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario for the fiscal year ended February 28, 1967. From this examination, I have prepared the Statements listed below and I now present them together with my comments thereon:

Exhibit "A"—Balance Sheet as at February 28, 1967.

Exhibit "B"—Comparative Revenue and Expenditure Account for the year ended February 28, 1967.

Schedule "1"—The Victory Thanksgiving Benevolent Fund as at February 28, 1967.

Schedule "2"—The Life Membership Fund—Grand Chapter as at February 28, 1967.

Schedule "3"—The Chapters' Life Membership Fund as at February 28, 1967.

Schedule "4"—The Scholarship and Bursary Fund as at February 28, 1967.

COMMENTS

The Petty Cash Fund was counted at the time of my examination and found to be in order. Vouchers were examined in support of all disbursements from this fund. The several bank balances, shown in Exhibit "A" and Schedules "1", "2", "3" and "4", were verified as at February 28, 1967, and all the bank transactions in the several funds for the year then ended were examined. The Cash in Transit was deposited in the proper Bank Accounts subsequent to February 28, 1967.

The Accounts Receivable from the various Chapters were reviewed in detail and appear to be proper charges and collectible. I am pleased to note, that as at the time of my examination, all Annual Returns had been received from the constituent Chapters.

The charge against the Life Membership Fund of Grand Chapter for Life Membership dues for 1966-67 has been computed on the same basis as in the preceding year. In my opinion, this computation represents an actuarially sound charge against the Life Membership fund. I recommend that the balance owing from the Life Membership Fund to the General Fund be transferred as soon as possible.

The amount due from the Scholarship and Bursary Fund represents expenditures incurred by the General Fund on behalf of the Scholarship and Bursary Fund. I, again, recommend that this sum be transferred as soon as possible.

The computation of the accrued interest in the several funds was checked and found to be in order.

The inventory of supplies for resale was furnished to me by your Grand Scribe E., without further verification by me. As a result of a change in financial reporting policy, a valuation has been placed on your stock of Jewels on hand. This was provided by your Grand Scribe E., without further verification by me. In future years, the operations will be charged with the cost of Jewels used during a particular year.

The investments of the several funds are set out in detail in Exhibit "A" and Schedules "1", "2" and "4". These investments are held in a safe-deposit box in the City Hall Branch of The Canadian Imperial

Bank of Commerce in the joint custody of any two of the Grand Scribe E., the Grand Treasurer, the Grand First Principal and the President of the Executive Committee. These investments were counted on March 14, 1967 and found to be in order.

So far as I was able to ascertain, from due inquiry of the officials concerned and from the information presently available, all known liabilities of the various funds were taken up in the books of account as at February 28, 1967, and are reflected in the attached Statements. The unexpended balance of the proceeds from the sale of Office Equipment less purchases during the year has been set up as a reserve available for use for this purpose in future years.

Details of operations of the General Fund for the fiscal year ended February 28, 1967, as shown by the books of account of the Grand Scribe E., are set out in Exhibit "B" and compared with the budget for the fiscal year under review as approved by Grand Chapter.

I, again, bring to your attention that so long as the commutation fee for life members remains at \$10.00, any member who becomes a life member is automatically removed from your current dues producing membership at \$1.00 per annum and becomes a life member whose commutation produces only \$0.50 per annum for your General Fund. I recommend that consideration be given to increasing the commutation fee for life members to enable this fund to produce a revenue related to current rising operating costs.

As in preceding years, interim examinations were made of the books of account of the Grand Scribe E. and the Grand Treasurer and tentative interim reports were submitted as of August 31, 1966 and November 30, 1966.

My examination included a general review of the accounting procedures and such tests of the accounting records and other supporting evidence as I considered necessary under the circumstances. I have obtained all the information and explanations which I have required.

In my opinion, subject to the foregoing qualifications, the attached Balance Sheets and related Statements are drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the financial affairs of the Grand Chapter of the Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario as at February 28, 1967 and the results of its operations for the year then ended, according to the best of my information and the explanations afforded to me and as shown by the books of the Grand Chapter.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

JOHN D. LEWARS, C.A.

BALANCE SHEET AS AT FEBRUARY 28, 1967**ASSETS**

Exhibit "A"

CURRENT ASSETS:

Petty Cash Fund	\$ 200.00	
Cash in Transit	200.00	
Cash in Bank	5,468.37	
		<u>\$5,868.37</u>

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE:

Chapters	1,095.41	
Life Membership Fund— Grand Chapter	897.75	
Scholarship and Bursary Fund	171.20	
		<u>2,164.36</u>
Accrued Interest on Investments		921.67
Income Tax Over-remitted		1.10
Inventory of Supplies for Resale (Cost)	2,565.63	
Inventory of Jewels (Estimated Replacement Cost)	1,152.63	
		<u>3,718.26</u>

INVESTMENTS:

Government of Canada—4½ %—1983	17,500.00	
Sterling Trust Corp.—6¼ %—1967	2,000.00	
Province of Ontario—3 %—1977	4,000.00	
H.E.P.C. of Ontario—3½ %—1979	28,000.00	
H.E.P.C. of Ontario—4 %—1974	6,000.00	
Metropolitan Toronto—3½ %—1975	3,000.00	
		<u>60,500.00</u>
Less: Unamortized Discount	44.09	
		<u>60,455.91</u>

Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment (Cost)	11,730.67	
Less: Allowance for Depreciation	11,716.05	
		<u>14.62</u>
Grand Chapter—Library		250.00
Grand Chapter—Regalia		75.00

SPECIAL FUNDS:

The Victory Thanksgiving Benevolent Fund (Schedule "1")	71,160.50	
The Life Membership Fund (Schedule "2")	22,814.89	
The Chapters' Life Membership Fund (Schedule "3")	241.73	
The Scholarship and Bursary Fund (Schedule "4")	14,053.19	
		<u>108,270.31</u>

LIABILITIES

\$181,739.60

CURRENT LIABILITIES:

Reserve for Capital Expenditures	\$ 96.10
Reserve for Special Funds	108,270.31

GENERAL RESERVE:

Balance—March 1, 1966	\$72,841.86
Add: Inventory of Supplies for Use (Jewels) as at February 28, 1967 (Cost)	1,152.63
	<u>73,994.49</u>

Less: Excess of Expenditure over Revenue (Exhibit "B")	621.30
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73,373.19\$181,739.60

Exhibit "B"

COMPARATIVE REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

For The Year Ended February 28, 1967

REVENUE			Balances
	Estimated Revenue	Actual Revenue	Over* or-Under
Fees	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,041.50	\$ * 41.50
Dues	18,000.00	18,931.20	*931.20
Life Membership Dues	1,500.00	1,427.75	72.25
Dispensations and Warrants	175.00	219.00	*44.00
Sale of Supplies	2,000.00	2,003.85	*3.85
Interest on Investments	2,500.00	2,365.48	134.52
TOTAL REVENUE	26,175.00	26,988.78	*813.78
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	28,507.47	27,610.08	897.39
Estimated Loss for Year Ending February 28, 1967	2,332.47		
Excess of Expenditure over Revenue for the year ended February 28, 1967		621.30	1,711.17
EXPENDITURE			Balances
	Estimated Expenditures	Actual Expenditure	Over* or Under
GRAND SCRIBE E.: Compensation	\$ 5,850.00	\$ 5,850.00	
Office Assistants	4,160.00	4,076.00	\$ 84.00
Rent	2,500.00	2,528.00	*28.00
Misc. (Telephone, Postage, Supplies) ..	1,200.00	1,136.18	*63.82
Annuity	500.00	500.00	
Canada Pension Plan	155.00	143.12	11.88
Special Donations (Mrs. E. Smith)	200.00	100.00	100.00
	14,565.00	\$14,333.30	
Foreign Correspondence— Reviewer	300.00	300.00	
Audit	500.00	500.00	
PRINTING: Proceedings	1,800.00	1,734.28	65.72
General	600.00	366.93	233.07
	2,400.00	2,101.21	
TRAVELLING: Grand Z.	2,000.00	1,800.00	200.00
General	250.00	62.85	187.15
	2,250.00	1,862.85	
EXPENSES: Convocation	3,500.00	3,623.60	*\$123.60
Executive Committee	2,000.00	2,208.27	*208.27
	5,500.00	5,831.87	
Jewels and Engraving	1,000.00	202.68	797.32
Grant to Masonic Library	125.00	125.00	
Grant to Can. Masonic Res. Assoc.	50.00	50.00	
Liability Insurance	937.47	982.48	*45.01
Education and Instruction	300.00	105.30	194.70
Supplies for Resale	500.00	1,144.93	*644.93
Regalia	80.00	70.46	9.54
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	\$28,507.47	\$27,610.08	\$897.39

THE VICTORY THANKSGIVING BENEVOLENT FUND

As at February 28, 1967

Balances—March 1, 1966:

Capital	\$67,085.78	
Unexpended Income	2,173.24	
		<u>\$69,259.02</u>

Add:

Bank Interest	46.13	
Bond Interest	3,221.50	
Amortization of Bond Discount	276.04	
		<u>3,543.67</u>
		<u>72,802.69</u>

Deduct:

Cost of Benevolent Supplies	134.03	
Benevolence	1,500.00	
Amortization of Bond Premium	8.16	
		<u>1,642.19</u>

Balances—February 28, 1967:

Capital	67,085.78	
Unexpended Income	4,074.72	
		<u>\$71,160.50</u>

ASSETS

Cash in Transit	\$ 10.63	
Cash in Bank	3,100.21	
Accrued Interest	654.51	
		<u>\$ 3,765.35</u>

INVESTMENTS:

Government of Canada—4½ %—1983	\$11,700.00
Government of Canada—2¾ %—1968	8,000.00
Province of Ontario—2¾ %—1968	1,000.00
National Trust Co.—6 %—1970	9,000.00
Province of Ontario —3 %—1977	1,000.00
H.E.P.C. of Ontario—4¼ %—1967	6,500.00
H.E.P.C. of Ontario—3½ %—1979	2,000.00
Chartered Trust Co.—5½ %—1967	2,000.00
Sterling Trust Corp.—5¼ %—1969	3,000.00
Can. Perm. Mortgage—5½ %—1968	21,000.00
Royal Trust Co.—6½ %—1971	3,000.00
	<u>68,200.00</u>

Deduct:

Unamortized Discount	\$806.95	
Unamortized Premiums	2.10	
		<u>804.85</u>
		<u>67,395.15</u>
		<u>\$71,160.50</u>

THE LIFE MEMBERSHIP FUND

As at February 28, 1967

Balance—March 1, 1966		\$21,694.53
Add:		
Interest on Investments	\$ 770.00	
Bank Interest	8.11	
Life Membership and Honorary Membership Issued	1,770.00	
		<u>2,548.11</u>
		24,242.64
Deduct—Life Membership Dues		<u>1,427.75</u>
Balance—February 28, 1967		\$22,814.89

ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

ASSETS:

Cash on Hand and in Bank	\$1,445.97	
Due from Chapters	10.00	
Accrued Interest on Investments	256.67	
		<u></u>
Investments:		
Metropolitan Toronto—3½ %—1975	22,000.00	
		<u>23,712.64</u>

LIABILITIES:

Due to General Fund	897.75	
		<u>\$22,814.89</u>

THE CHAPTERS' LIFE MEMBERSHIP FUND

As at February 28, 1967

Balance—March 1, 1966	\$272.96
Add—Bank Interest	8.52
	<u>281.48</u>
Less—1966 Dues transferred to General Fund and Credited to Chapter's Account	39.75
	<u>\$241.73</u>

ASSETS

Cash in Bank	\$241.73
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SCHOLARSHIP AND BURSARY FUND

As at February 28, 1967

Balance—March 1, 1966	\$12,632.25
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Add:

Donations	\$4,109.50	
Bank Interest	64.21	
Interest on Investments	358.50	
		<u>4,532.21</u>
		17,164.46

Deduct:

Bursaries and Scholarships	2,750.00	
Sundry Expenses	361.27	
		<u>3,111.27</u>
		\$14,053.19

ASSETS

Cash in Transit	\$ 15.00	
Cash in Bank	3,432.39	
Accrued Interest	177.00	
		<u>3,624.39</u>

INVESTMENTS:

State of Israel—1976	\$ 300.00	
Province of Ontario—3%—1977	7,000.00	
Government of Canada—4½%—1983	3,300.00	
		<u>10,600.00</u>
		\$14,224.39

LIABILITIES

Due to General Fund	171.20
	<u>\$14,053.19</u>

This Report was presented by the Grand Scribe E., and on motion of R. Ex. Comp. Stanley Portch, seconded by the G.S.E., it was received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE PRINTING COMMITTEE

To the Most Excellent Grand First Principal, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

Your Committee on Printing has received the expenditures for the year ending February 28, 1967, and submits the following analysis in support thereof:

Printing Proceedings	\$1,734.28
Printing, general	366.93
	\$2,101.21

It is respectfully requested that the following monies be placed at the disposal of the Printing Committee for the fiscal year of 1967-68:

Printing Proceedings	\$2,000.00
Printing, general	600.00
Printing for resale	1,650.00
	\$4,250.00

Fraternally submitted,

R. Ex. Comp. G. A. Phillips, Chairman,
 R. Ex. Comp. A. Baldwin,
 R. Ex. Comp. A. G. Sullivan.

Moved by R. Ex. Comp. G. A. Phillips, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. Stanley Portch, and—

Resolved—That the report of the Printing Committee be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON INVESTMENTS

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario. 1966-67.

Your Committee reports the following investments:

GENERAL ACCOUNT

Province of Ontario, 3% Oct. 15, 1977, Registered	\$ 4,000.00
Hydro Electric Power Comm., 4% July 15, 1974, Registered ..	6,000.00
Hydro Electric Power Comm., 3½% Oct. 15, 1979, Registered ..	28,000.00
Dominion of Canada, 4½% Sept. 1, 1983, Registered	17,500.00
City of Metro, Toronto, 3½% May 2, 1975, Registered	3,000.00
Sterling Trust Corp. G.T.C., 5¼% Nov. 1st, 1967	2,000.00

Total \$60,500.00

VICTORY THANKSGIVING BENEVOLENT FUND

Province of Ontario, 2¾% July 15, 1968, Registered	\$ 1,000.00
Province of Ontario, 3% Oct. 15, 1977, Registered	1,000.00
Hydro Electric Power Comm., 4¼% Nov. 1, 1967, Registered ..	6,500.00
Hydro Electric Power Comm., 3½% Oct. 18, 1979, Registered ..	2,000.00
Dominion of Canada, 2¾% June 15, 1968, Registered	8,000.00
Dominion of Canada, 4½% Sept. 1, 1983, Registered	11,700.00
Chartered Trust Co., 5½% Nov. 26, 1967	2,000.00
Sterling Trust Corp. G.T.C., 5¼% Jan. 1, 1969 ..	3,000.00
Canada Perm. Mort. Corp., 5½% Aug. 15, 1968, Registered ..	21,000.00
National Trust Co. Ltd., G.I.C., 6% Nov. 16, 1970, Registered ..	9,000.00
Royal Trust Co. G.G.I.R., 6½% Nov. 30, 1971	3,000.00

Total \$68,200.00

LIFE MEMBERSHIP FUND

City of Metro. Toronto, 3½% May 2, 1975, Registered	\$22,000.00
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SCHOLARSHIP & BURSARY FUND

Province of Ontario, 3% Oct. 15, 1977, Registered	\$ 7,000.00
Dominion of Canada, 4½% Sept. 1, 1983, Registered	3,300.00
State of Israel Savings Bonds, Dec. 1st, 1976, Face Value	300.00
(Maturity Value—\$480.00)	

Total \$10,600.00

GRAND TOTAL \$161,300.00

The only change in the General Account was an extension of the maturity date of the Sterling Trust Co., 5¼% Guaranteed Trust Certificate from Oct. 1st, 1966, to Nov. 1st, 1967.

In the Victory Thanksgiving Benevolent Fund the Province of Ontario 3% Bonds, in the amount of \$3,000.00, matured on Nov. 1st, 1966 and the money was invested in a 6½% General Guaranteed Investment Receipt, from the Royal Trust Co., maturing on Nov. 30th, 1971.

On Feb. 20th, 1967 three (3) State of Israel, Twelve Year Dollar Savings Bonds with a face value of \$100.00 each, and a maturity value of \$160.00 each, were presented to the Scholarship & Bursary Fund by Shuniah Chapter #82 on behalf of Comp. Samuel Cowan of Port Arthur, a member of that Chapter.

I acknowledge with grateful thanks the assistance and guidance of the Grand Council, the Grand Scribe E. and the Grand Treasurer.

Faternally submitted,

FRED SCOTT,
Chairman.

Moved by R. Ex. Comp. Stanley Portch, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. Fred Scott, and—

Resolved—That the report of the Investment Committee be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON WARRANTS AND DISPENSATIONS

To the Grand First Principal, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

We the Committee on Warrants and Dispensations appointed by the Grand First Principal wish to report that as there were no requests for our services during the past year, our work did not require much time.

I know all the members were ready and willing to act should the need arise.

However, we do feel honoured that we were selected as members of this Committee and wish to thank the Grand First Principal for this appointment.

All of which is respectfully and fraternally submitted.

J. O. MECKBACH

O. T. FLINT

J. D. CALDER

G. E. TURNER

E. C. WOOD (Chairman)

Moved by the Grand Second Principal, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. E. C. Wood, and—

Resolved—That the report of the Committee on Warrants and Dispensations be received, and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS

Companions of Grand Chapter:

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

Your Committee reports that no cases have been referred to it and therefore it has nothing to report officially.

It is however with the most profound regret that we report the most serious illness of R. Excellent Comp. Joseph Hearn, who for some time has been a patient in the Toronto General Hospital. His condition is such that no visitors are permitted.

R. Excellent Comp. Hearn is a member of the Committee on Grievances and Appeals.

Respectfully submitted,

G. HAROLD SHANNON,

M. A. SEARLE (Chairman)

Moved by the Grand Second Principal, seconded by M. Ex. Comp. M. A. Searle, and—

Resolved—That the report of the Committee on Grievances and Appeals be received, and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE GRAND Z.'S ADDRESS

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

Your Committee has reviewed the address of our Grand First Principal, Most Excellent Companion James E. Girven, and immediately expresses to the Great Jehovah our grateful prayers for His Divine guidance and care during the serious illness which our Grand Zerubabel developed during a visitation to London, England, and shortly prior to his anticipated representation of our Grand Chapter at the Two Hundredth Anniversary of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Eng-

land. We rejoice that our Grand First Principal has, through this Divine guidance, been restored to a normal degree of health, which has enabled him to become actively engaged in the administration of the affairs of Grand Chapter; furthermore, to make many visitations, notwithstanding that these have frequently taxed his health and energy. We likewise pray that Almighty God will continue to bless and keep our Grand First Principal so that this Grand Chapter may continue to be the beneficiary of his enthusiasm, and particularly the knowledge and experience gained as a result of his tenure of office.

Your Committee also associates itself with his expressions to the Principals' Association, Toronto Districts 8 and 8A, for the effort it has put forth to ensure the success of this Grand Chapter Convocation and for the comfort of those in attendance.

We join with him most heartily in his welcome to our distinguished guests from other sister jurisdictions in Canada and the United States of America.

However, we are particularly happy to share with him in his welcome to our Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother and Excellent Companion the Honorable James N. Allan. We are reminded that our Grand Master will in July next, at Grand Lodge, complete his term of office, and we would be most neglectful if we did not express our grateful acknowledgement and commendation for his diligence and zeal in the discharge of his heavy responsibilities of office, which has brought added lustre and stature to our Grand Lodge.

We are most happy, also, that the Grand Master is accompanied by the Grand Secretary, Most Worshipful Brother and Excellent Companion Ewart G. Dixon, M.C., Q.C., whose counsel and friendship have constantly been invaluable to our Grand Chapter in all phases of its administration.

We are likewise happy to join with our Grand First Principal in his warm welcome to distinguished representatives of other Masonic Bodies.

We associate with him in his tribute of remembrance to the great loss sustained by Grand Chapter through the passing of so many devoted and dedicated companions since our last Grand Chapter Convocation.

We particularly mourn with him in the great loss sustained by Royal Arch Masonry in the death of Most Excellent Companion Melville S. Gooderham, who passed to the Grand Chapter above on February 20th last. We recognize with him the marked contribution made to the Royal Craft by this distinguished and stalwart member of our Grand Chapter and his continued devotion to it notwithstanding his ill health and the serious handicap consequent thereon.

We tender our grateful thanks to Most Excellent Companion James E. Girven for his many visitations and his devotion to our Grand Chapter, particularly with the knowledge of the limitations placed on him during his period of office since his serious illness of June of last year. Your Committee appreciates that conflicting dates and other circumstances make it impossible for the Grand First Principal to accept all invitations received by him. However, we commend his policy, namely, that whenever it is necessary that the Grand Z. be represented, in his absence, some Grand Chapter Officer be appointed in his stead.

Your Committee observes that during the past year there have been 5 dedications of Chapter rooms and new Masonic temples, and agrees with our Grand First Principal that these new Masonic facilities will do much to strengthen Masonic Associations, and particularly the Royal Craft, in these respective communities.

We note with joy his reference to presentations of four 60 year Royal Arch Masons Jewels, together with a large number of 50 year Jewels, and particularly 50 year Installed First Principal's Jewels. The Grand Z. likewise arranged for the presentation of a large number of 25 year installed First Principal's Jewels. Your Committee tenders its commendation and congratulations to these Companions for the further honors worthily bestowed upon them.

The dispensations granted by the Grand Z. have been carefully reviewed at the Grand Chapter office and have been found to be constitutionally correct and are therefore approved. However, your Committee was concerned in that it observed 12 dispensations had been granted for the purpose of special emergent convocations, particularly having in mind Section 172 of the Constitution, which reads as follows:

"A Chapter of Emergency may at any time be called by summons, on seven days' clear notice, by direction of the Z., or upon the request in writing of nine members of the Chapter. The business to be transacted shall be expressed in the summons, and none other than that specified shall be entered upon at that Convocation."

However, on discussing this subject with the Grand Scribe E., the Committee learned that on receiving requests for emergency convocations, he immediately advised the chapters of the provisions of Section 172 of the Grand Chapter Constitution. The special dispensations granted and reported by the Grand Z., were only those where a chapter found it could not meet the requirements of this section of the Constitution, mainly because of the time element.

We likewise note his reference to new Chapter by-laws and also amendments thereto approved by him, subject to the approval of the Committee on Laws and Jurisprudence. We are pleased, again, to comment that this is an indication that chapters are permitted to make such amendments and must constantly be alert to constitutional requirements which make it essential that such changes be made.

Your Committee has noted our Grand Z's appointments of 10 distinguished members of our Grand Chapter as Grand Representatives, and with his selection we approve and tender our commendation to him for the wisdom of his selections, and offer congratulations to the recipients on the honor bestowed upon them.

We also share in his expression of appreciation to the Royal Arch Welfare Committee of Districts 8 and 8A for the continued marked contribution it has given toward the happiness of, particularly, the aged and veteran citizens; likewise his commendation to Mount Sinai Chapter No. 212, which continues with greater enthusiasm in its most commendable work in behalf of retarded children.

We share in the Grand Z's keen disappointment that so many chapters have failed to give practical support to the deserving Grand Chapter project of Scholarships and Bursaries.

We join with him in his expression of grave concern in the continued loss of membership and ask that all companions accept his challenge in this important matter in the hope that membership loss will be stemmed during the forthcoming year.

We concur in his recommendation that past rank be conferred on the companions referred to by him in his address, namely:

Ex. Comp. Archie E. McWade (dec.) Ex. Comp. Douglas B. Watson
Granite Chapter No. 61 (dec).

Ex. Comp. W. J. Cockwell Manitou Chapter No. 27
Bernard Chapter No. 146 Ex. Comp. James McCleary
Warkworth Chapter No. 110

We note with grave concern the action taken by him respecting

two companions of the Royal Arch Chapter of St. Andrew and St. John, in accordance with the authority invested in him under Section 106 of the Constitution, and under the Constitution we approve of his action and await further decision as a result of such Commission.

We have noted his recommendation that Honorary Membership to the Grand Executive be conferred on Right Excellent Companion F. Carl Ackert. This Committee agrees that such recommendation is bestowed because of years of service rendered to the Grand Chapter, but we would observe that in the selection of companions of Grand Chapter who are deserving of such honor, in the future obtain the opinion of the Advisory Committee of Grand Chapter before the appointment is finalized.

In expressing appreciation to the Grand First Principal for the services he has given, both prior to and during his term of office, we do so with a feeling of certainty that Grand Chapter will continue to be beneficiary of his wide and valuable experience, which has been gained by devoted and dedicated service to the responsibilities he has accepted.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted.

J. M. BURDEN
A. G. N. BRADSHAW
J. L. HOUSE
BRUCE H. SMITH
C. W. EMMETT
FRASER HAY, M.D.
M. A. SEARLE, Chairman

Moved by M. Ex. Comp. M. A. Searle, seconded by M. Ex. Comp. B. H. Smith, and—

Resolved—That the report of the Committee on the Grand Z's Address be received and adopted.

ADDENDUM TO THE REPORT ON THE GRAND Z'S ADDRESS

Your Committee has had an opportunity of reviewing the Addendum made to his address by the Grand Z. relating to the findings of the Commission appointed by him to consider the charges laid against two Companions of the Royal Arch Chapter of St. Andrew and St. John. Your Committee also had the opportunity of studying the conclusions and decision arrived at by the Commission composed of M. Ex. Comp. A. G. N. Bradshaw, Chairman, R. Ex. Comp. Leo Gent and R. Ex. Comp. Lloyd Gillespie, members.

Your Committee is unanimously in agreement with the decision reached by the Grand Z. and accordingly approves the action taken by him.

REPORT OF THE ARCHIVES COMMITTEE

To the M. Ex. the Grand First Principal, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

Owing to the sudden illness of our M.E. Grand First Principal it was not possible to have the full Committee appointed and a meeting of the Committee held at that time. I therefore, since, and with the cooperation of the Grand Scribe E. have carefully checked over the many articles of historical value and attempted in some manner to classify them.

It is unfortunate that some of the records, many dating back some 150 years, could not be displayed to some advantage to the members of our Grand Chapter. Certain portions should be re-copied for preserva-

tion, some binding is necessary, also framing of a few of the more important items on the list.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted.

GEORGE ELMS, Chairman
R. J. HAMILTON

Moved by the Grand Second Principal, seconded by V. Ex. Comp. George Elms, and—

Resolved—That the report of the Archives Committee be received and adopted.

ARCHIVE COMMITTEE ELECTED

Moved by R. Ex. Comp. Stanley Portch, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. G. H. Shannon, and—

Resolved—That R. Ex. Comp. Oliver T. Flint be Grand Archivist.

MASONIC INSTRUCTION COMMITTEE

To the Most Excellent Grand First Principal, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

The Masonic Instruction Committee is pleased to report that much has been accomplished in the Masonic Year just ended.

Progress has not been as extensive as we wished, but, we have good reason to believe and hope that the seeds of development and improvement in Masonic Instruction and Education have been well sown and are now beginning to shew definite signs of "bearing fruit".

Some of our Districts are very active and the work being done in the many "Schools of Instruction" has created a keen interest in obtaining improvement and uniformity in the procedure of conferring the various Degrees.

Our "Manual of Instruction" is now being very extensively used and is in great demand. It is indeed encouraging to know that this Manual is now proving its worth and is creating real interest in getting a uniform interpretation of the requirements of The Work.

Several of our District Committees have been very active and industrious and their work is greatly appreciated by the Chapters in their jurisdiction.

Your Chairman has visited many Chapters and several Schools of Instruction within and without Toronto.

On Saturday, 25th February 1967, Rt. Ex. Comp. W. Harold Gummer, arranged and supervised a School of Instruction for St. Lawrence District No. 12, in the Temple at Brockville. This was exceedingly well organized as proved by the excellent attendance; every Chapter in the district was well represented and the attendance was away beyond expectations; considering the very bad weather, below zero, with heavy winds and drifting snow. The Mark Master Mason Degree was conferred on a very high standard of candidate. The Degree after exemplification was discussed at some length and errors corrected. Your Grand Chapter Chairman was present and answered many intelligent and interesting questions on the history and functions of the Degree. I am certain that all those present took home with them many lessons and interesting facts. Our Manual of Instruction is used extensively in this District.

Some of the errors corrected seem to have become common practice in the St. Lawrence District and I am sure these will be corrected. I have no doubt that this District is in good hands as all the members of the District Committee are very active in their work.

The arrangements made by Sussex-St. Lawrence Chapter No. 59 were excellent.

To the other District Committees who have been very active during the year—your Grand Chapter Committee extends a sincere “thank you”.

We are sorry to have to report that only a few of this year's District Superintendents have shown any interest in the work of our Committees despite the fact that repeated offers of assistance have been extended. This is to be regretted. However, we will try to impress on the incoming group, the importance of Masonic Instruction and Education.

Our booklet to Craft Masons is not being as extensively used as it should, and this Committee is taking steps to develop interest in the use of this very excellent work; which if properly used, should interest our Craft Brothers in Capitular Masonry.

We are looking forward to making further progress in the near future.

As the requests for our lessons on the various degrees are increasing rapidly, this Committee purposes to re-run all of the series, this to be followed by a new series of extended lessons which will soon be in process of printing.

“Let us then be up and doing,
With a heart for any fate;
Still achieving, still pursuing,
Learn to Labour and to wait”

Very Excellent Comp. CHARLES HOWES

Most Excellent Comp. CHARLES W. EMMETT

Very Excellent Comp. JAMES TURNBULL,
Chairman

Moved by the Grand Second Principal, seconded by M. Ex. Comp. Emmett, and—

Resolved—That the report of the Masonic Instruction Committee be received and adopted.

REPORT OF MASONIC EDUCATION COMMITTEE

To the Most Excellent Grand First Principal, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

Dear Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

Your Committee on Education is happy to submit the following report.

During the past year, a great deal of work has been accomplished in co-operation with the Masonic Education Committee, in completely reviewing the manual of instruction which is presented at Grand Chapter to the newly elected Grand Superintendents.

A complete new manual “GUIDE FOR SCRIBE E'S” was prepared and approved for distribution. It is most encouraging to report that this new pamphlet has filled a great void in our assistance to respective Scribe E's and its wide acceptance has been a great stimulant to our endeavours.

We would be remiss, Most Ex. Sir, if we did not tender our thanks and congratulations to the Chairman of the Masonic Instruction Committee, V. Ex. Comp. James Turnbull and his committee for the tremendous work they have done in not only assisting in compiling the data of our various manuals, but particularly the many lessons they have prepared during the past year for the guidance and assistance of the various Chapters, particularly the Grand Superintendents.

As Chairman of the Education Committee, I would be negligent in my duties if I did not report the grave concern we have for the

apparent apathy that has been displayed by certain Grand Superintendents and Officers of respective Chapters.

In this critical period of fast changing times, it is doubly important that those who assume positions of responsibility should alert themselves to the responsibilities of the Office and strive to be fully cognizant of the great privilege they have been afforded of serving their respective chapters.

During the past Year, your Education Committee has received questions as to possibility of errors in the printing of The Work and it has been suggested that it may be well to have the contents of the work reviewed. Your committee concurs with these suggestions and respectfully submits to the incoming Grand First Principal, for his consideration, the appointing of a small committee to be charged with the responsibility of reviewing The Work in its entirety and bring forward, to Grand Chapter, for consideration, its suggestions and recommendations.

In conclusion, Most Ex. Sir, may we respectfully suggest to the Members of the Council of our Chapters, Grand Chapter is most anxious and ready to assist whenever and wherever possible in assuring that a Chapter is successful in its endeavours.

Arrangements have been made this year to have the district Chairman of the Masonic Instruction Committee attend the school of instruction, which be held tomorrow afternoon for the newly elected Superintendents.

It is hoped that this combined meeting will set the stage for a great Year of harmony and accomplishment for our Grand Chapter. and the newly elected Grand Superintendents will gain a first hand knowledge of the effort that Grand Chapter is doing through our Masonic Instruction Committee, to help the respective districts of our Grand Jurisdiction.

All which is respectfully and fraternally submitted on behalf of the Committee,

C. W. Emmett, Chairman

Moved by the Grand Second Principal, Seconded by M. Ex. Comp. Emmett, and—

Resolved—That the report of the Masonic Education Committee be received and adopted.

GRAND REVIEWER ELECTED

Moved by R. Ex. Comp. Stanley Portch, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. G. H. Shannon, and—

Resolved—That V. Ex. Comp. James Turnbull be elected Grand Reviewer.

SPECIAL PROJECTS COMMITTEE REPORTS

CONSTITUTION REVISION

The Most Excellent Grand First Principal, Officers and Members of Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

The Committee for the revision of the Constitution, which was appointed some time ago, has partially completed its task. That part of the Constitution dealing with the Constituent Chapters has been completely redrafted, and at the present time is in the process of being edited in the light of provisions covering the same matters contained in other Grand Chapter Constitutions. We have had the good fortune to have received copies of the Constitutions of all of the Grand Chap-

ters in Canada, England and Ireland and several of the larger Grand Chapters in the United States. We propose to consider these other Constitutions in the hope that we may find something which we could recommend for adoption into our Constitution.

Our next task will be to revise that part of the Constitution dealing with Grand Chapter. We have received a copy of a partial revision, which was done some time ago by M. Ex. Comp. John Burden. We know that it will be very useful.

We have also been requested to examine the Grand First Principal's rulings. A quick look indicates that they need very badly to be consolidated.

A revision of our Constitution is long overdue. When one reads it, it becomes quite apparent that it is little more than a patch-work quilt. For instance, there are three sections dealing with the duties of the Scribes E. of the Constituent Chapters. They overlap to a considerable extent. Bits and pieces have been added as amendments from time to time, and some of them fit and many of them do not.

It is the hope of the Committee that we will have by next fall a draft of the Constitution which we can put into your hands for consideration, all of which is respectfully submitted.

M. Ex. Comp. JOHN M. BURDEN, Counsel
M. Ex. Comp. MAURICE SEARLE
R. Ex. Comp. LEO GENT
R. Ex. Comp. G. H. SHANNON, (Chairman)

Moved by the Grand Second Principal, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. Shannon, and—

Resolved—That the report on the Revision of the Constitution be received and adopted.

CHANTRY CHAPTER NO. 130 G.R.C.

To the Most Excellent Grand "Z" Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario:

Most Excellent Grand "Z" and Companions:

After a careful study of all correspondence in connection with the request of Chantry Chapter No. 130 of District No. 6 to be permitted to transfer to District No. 9 and noting the geographical position of said Chapter in the town of Southampton, it appears that it would be to the advantage of this Chapter to be affiliated with District No. 9.

Correspondence indicates those who are active in the affairs of this Chapter request this move and as they no doubt have carefully considered the advantage of the change we therefore recommend that their prayers be granted.

As a further recommendation we would urge that a strong committee be appointed to study the question of Re-distribution of Districts.

M. A. SEARLE
MONT BARLOW
BRUCE H. SMITH (Chairman)

Moved by the Grand Second Principal, seconded by M. Ex. Comp. Smith, and—

Resolved—That this special report be received and adopted.

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Most Excellent the Grand First Principal: Most worshipful the Grand Master: Distinguished Guests and Companions:

REPORT OF CHAIRMAN ON PUBLICITY

With publicity being a new office last year, this report will of necessity be a brief one, partly due to the illness of our Grand First Principal and partly for the need to find the methods and sources by which publicity could be attained.

We now have a list of all the daily and weekly newspapers in Ontario and we have had success in receiving good publicity on the following occasions.

1. The dedication of the temple for Excelsior Chapter in Colborne, conducted by Most Ex. Comp. Maurice Searle and Grand Chapter Officers.
2. The dedication of the Temple for Midland Chapter at Lindsay, conducted by Most Ex. Comp. James E. Girven and Grand Chapter Officers.
3. The dedication of the Temple for Preston Chapter at Preston, conducted by Most Ex. Comp. James E. Girven and Grand Chapter Officers.
4. The installation of the officers in 3 Chapters in the Hamilton District No. 5 by an installing board from the Hamilton Principals' Association.
5. The 100th Anniversary Celebration of Manitou Chapter in Collingwood.
6. The 100th Anniversary Celebration of Pentalpha Chapter in Oshawa.
7. The 75th Anniversary Celebration of White Oak Chapter in Oakville.
8. These and a number of articles on the regular meetings of various Chapters completes the publicity obtained. We are also hopeful of receiving publicity in Toronto and Hamilton of the present Grand Chapter Convocation.

In closing I would like to suggest that the incoming Chairman be supplied with a complete list of all the Grand First Principals' commitments as early as possible in his term and that the new Chairman's name be circulated to all Chapters with a request that they send notices to him of all planned special events. This will enable him to send a press release to the newspapers in that area.

GORDON K. BROWN

Moved by the Grand Second Principal, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. Brown, and—

Resolved—That the report of the Public Relations Committee be received and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BENEVOLENCE

To the Most Excellent Grand "Z", Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario:

Most Excellent Grand "Z" and Companions:

Your Committee on Benevolence has considered the Applications for Relief submitted by the various Chapters and we recommend that

Grants be authorized, from the Victory Thanksgiving Benevolent Fund, to the following, for the coming Grand Chapter year:

Chapter	Grant in Favour of	Amount
5	Widow of M. Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith	\$ 200.00
8	Widow of Companion John Lyon	200.00
26	Widow of Comp. J. W. H. Galloway	200.00
32	Ex. Comp. Harvey Russell Baer	200.00
53	Daughter of Comp. John Sinclair	200.00
88	Companion Alex. B. Hunter	200.00
102	Companion Mervin Samuel Darch	300.00
145	Daughter of Comp. James Curry	200.00
217	Widow of Comp. Harry Whittaker	200.00
246	Companion Blake Fullerton	200.00
		\$2100.00

We further recommend that an amount of \$800.00 be provided for Interim Relief, if it be needed before the next Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter.

We further recommend that the Executive Committee authorize the investment of \$2000.00 of Cash and the reinvestment of \$8500.00 of Securities coming due in 1967.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

COMMITTEE OF BENEVOLENCE,
B. H. SMITH, P.G.Z.
STANLEY PORTCH, G.H.
F. W. DEAN, P.G.Z., (Chairman)

This report was presented by M. Ex. Comp. B. H. Smith, for M. Ex. Comp. F. W. Dean, and on motion of the Grand Second Principal, seconded by M. Ex. Comp. Smith it was received and adopted.

COMMITTEE ON BENEVOLENCE

Moved by M. Ex. Comp. F. W. Dean, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. G. H. Shannon, and—

Resolved—That the following Companions comprise the Committee on Benevolence and are members of the Executive Committee of Grand Chapter for the respective years:

M. Ex. Comp. F. W. Dean—retires 1968.
M. Ex. Comp. B. H. Smith—retires 1969.
R. Ex. Comp. F. W. D. Welham—retires 1970.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SCHOLARSHIPS AND BURSARIES

To the most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter of the Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

It is again a distinct honour to submit a report on behalf of this important Grand Chapter Committee.

It is able to report that the past year has been one of great achievement, and yet many keen disappointments—great achievement because the past year has taught your Committee of the great need for the Grand Chapter project of Scholarships and Bursaries, and disappointment because of the apathy on the part of so many constituent chapters to give financial or other support to its endeavours.

That there is a need for the Grand Chapter program in the field of higher education is well borne out in that your Committee was re-

quired to consider 21 applications from constituent chapters. However, your Committee most regretfully had to decline 14 of these applications because of the limited finances at its disposal.

In its report to Grand Chapter last year, your Committee advised that it had been stimulated as a result of achievements in its formative year, but emphasized that its future activities would depend entirely on the practical support given at chapter level, and indicated that it held a firm opinion that this was a challenge which would be met so that the Grand Chapter program of Scholarships and Bursaries would go on in perpetuity.

Your Committee is gravely concerned because this challenge has not been met, as donations received from chapters at the time of writing this report indicate only an increase of \$55.53 over that of its first year and, indeed, it will be shown that this small increase has been brought about mainly by accepting the suggested policy made by this Committee that donations be made to the Fund in lieu of floral tributes to deceased companions.

Your Committee has learned from the information available to it that those constituent chapters which have an active Scholarship and Bursary Committee have found good support from their membership, and therefore would again urge that the First Principals of all chapters personally dedicate themselves and determine in appointing a Scholarship and Bursary Committee that such Committee becomes an active unit and personally contacts all companions, not only in the hope of obtaining donations but, more particularly, to acquaint them with the need and worthwhileness of the Grand Chapter Scholarship and Bursary program.

Your Committee is pleased to report that last year it awarded four \$500 and three \$250 bursaries. Your applications for these came from the following chapters:

Grimsby Chapter No. 69	Carleton Chapter No. 16
St. Francis Chapter No. 133	Palestine Chapter No. 54
Granite Chapter No. 61	The Scarborough Chapter No. 263
Atwood Chapter No. 149	

Two of the successful applicants are attending Queen's University, one the University of Toronto, one McMaster University, two Carleton University, and one the University of Western Ontario.

Your Committee is again pleased to report that Grand Chapter's contribution in the field of higher education is becoming well recognized as will be seen by the acknowledgments it has received from the authorities of the respective universities where bursaries have been granted. It should be mentioned at this stage that your Committee has adopted the policy of forwarding cheques covering the bursaries to the Bursars of the Universities, who, in acknowledgment thereof, have expressed appreciation, not only for the award but, particularly, that our Grand Chapter has become so deeply interested in the necessity of financial aid to students seeking opportunity in the field of higher education to enable them to take their place in academic, professional and commercial life of the community.

For example, under date of October 18th, 1966, the Registrar of Queen's University advised as follows:

"Thank you for your letter of 14 October and the two cheques for \$500 each covering awards of bursaries made by the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

"I am enclosing an official receipt and I should like to say how grateful Queen's University is for this generous assistance for two of her students."

Your Committee has been in correspondence with the Department of National Revenue, which has now advised that the Grand Chapter project of obtaining funds to sponsor a program of scholarships and bursaries is considered to be a charitable object. However, in order to obtain the required authority to have a donation deductible for income tax purposes, it has been advised that necessary documents must be completed. The nature of these regulations require the authority of Grand Chapter and your Committee recommends that Grand Chapter authorizes its Scholarship and Bursary Committee to proceed with the necessary application.

Your Committee has observed from the report of the Grand Chapter auditor that there is an amount of \$4,074.72 unexpended income in the Victory Thanksgiving Benevolent Fund. It therefore recommends, in accordance with the policy already adopted by Grand Chapter, that after the requirements for forthcoming benevolence be determined by the Grand Chapter Benevolent Committee the balance of unexpended income be transferred to the Grand Chapter Scholarship and Bursary Fund, to be used at the discretion of the Committee in its awards of bursaries this coming year.

Your Committee intends at the earliest possible time following this Grand Convocation to forward application forms to all constituent chapters and advice will be given that applications will only be considered when approved and recommended by the respective chapters and must be received at the Grand Chapter office not later than August 31st next.

The donations received for the Grand Chapter Scholarship and Bursary Fund, at the time of the preparation of this report, are as follows:

St. John's No. 148	25.00	Caledonia No. 236	25.00
Beaver No. 225	125.00	Nilestown No. 247	74.85
White Oak No. 104	150.00	Madoc No. 161	53.85
St. Mark's No. 26	50.00	Palestine No. 249	44.85
The St. Patrick		St. Marks No. 26	10.00
(K. Blackburn)	50.00	Humber No. 246	100.00
Victoria No. 37	50.00	Georgian No. 56	25.00
Chantry No. 130	30.00	Quinte Friendship No. 227	50.00
King David No. 262	20.00	Kitchener No. 117	5.00 F
Mt. Moriah No. 19	30.00	Northern Lights No. 213 ..	38.00
Anonymous	10.00	The Moira No. 7	225.00
The Malloch No. 66	5.00 F	Quinte Friendship No. 227	8.00 F
St. Marks No. 26	10.00 F	The Hamilton No. 175	24.85
Wawanosh No. 15	50.00	Prince Edward No. 31	20.85
Shekinah No. 138	100.00	Presquile No. 144	19.85
St. John No. 6	100.00	Couchiching No. 198	100.00
Shuniah No. 82	5.00 F	Vic Mutton (St. Andrew	
Malloch No. 66	5.00 F	& St. John)	10.00
King David No. 262	49.85 F	Ionic No. 168	10.00 F
Ionic No. 168	10.00 F	King Hiram No. 57	17.00
Excelsior No. 45	50.00	The Malloch No. 66	5.00 F
Midland No. 94	46.50	Prince Edward No. 31	5.00 F
St. Marks No. 26	10.00 F	York No. 62	25.00
Covenant No. 113	100.00	Kitchener No. 117	25.00
The Hiram No. 2	7.00 F	Kitchener No. 117	4.85 F
Minnewawa No. 78	4.85 F	Mt. Sinai No. 212	212.00
Humber No. 246	100.00	Oakwood No. 233	8.00 F
University No. 241	37.00	Caledonia No. 236	25.00 F
Hugh Murray No. 184	44.00	Keystone No. 72	20.00 F

Grand Chapter	15.00 F	Ottawa No. 222	97.57
Grimsby No. 69	80.00	St. Andrew &	
Ezra No. 23	4.85 F	St. John No. 4	8.00
Halton No. 234	10.00 F	Oxford No. 18	7.85 F
Pr. Edward No. 31	5.00 F	Halton No. 234	9.85 F
Credit Lodge A.F. & A.M.	7.35 F	The St. Patrick No. 145	125.00
The Hamilton No. 175	16.56	Occident No. 77	16.00
Oakwood No. 233	5.00 F	Palestine No. 249	24.85
Keystone No. 35	10.00 F	Orient No. 79	10.00 F
Ionic No. 168	10.00 F	Ancaster No. 155	20.00
Victoria No. 205	50.00	St. Albans No. 217	10.00 F
Oakwood No. 233	5.00 F		

The donations from chapters with the letter "F" indicate those which have forwarded an amount in lieu of the usual floral tributes in respect to the memory of deceased companions.

Your Committee desires to make special reference and commendation to Companion Samuel Cowan, of Shuniah Chapter, Port Arthur, who presented to the Grand Chapter Scholarship and Bursary Fund three State of Israel bonds, which on maturity will be valued at \$160 each, a total of \$480. These bonds, as will be observed from the auditor's report have been added to the capital of the Grand Chapter Scholarship and Bursary Fund. In expressing thanks to Companion Samuel Cowan for this generous gift, your Committee trusts that this will lend stimulus to all constituent chapters in their endeavours to actively support Grand Chapter in its work of assisting students in obtaining higher education, and in continuing their University course provided their efforts justify further assistance.

In conclusion, your Committee notes with regret that Most Excellent Companion John M. Burden retires this year as a member, and the regulations applicable to the Grand Chapter Scholarship and Bursary Committee require that a retiring member cannot be re-elected and consequently a re-election must be made in his stead.

This Grand Chapter is fully aware that Most Excellent Companion John M. Burden is our senior Past Grand First Principal, and the tremendous contributions he has made to Capitular Masonry in all its spheres, over many years, has gained for him the affection and high esteem of the companions throughout our Grand Jurisdiction. No one is more aware of the value Most Excellent Companion Burden has been to your Committee than its Chairman. Not only was he actively interested in the granting of our first bursaries in our Centennial year but his unceasing active interest has been to a great measure responsible for the success and achievement which your Committee has attained in behalf of Grand Chapter.

Your Chairman, therefore, not only in a personal vein, but on behalf of the Committee, and Grand Chapter generally, desires to express most profound thanks and appreciation to Most Excellent Companion John M. Burden for his monumental endeavours, which we know will be a lasting inspiration, not only to the members of this Committee but to all companions throughout the Jurisdiction, and knowing Most Excellent Companion Burden as we do, he would only ask as a reward for all he has given heretofore to Grand Chapter that the Companions actively support the Grand Chapter Scholarship and Bursary fund so that this great objective may be realized when the Fund indeed goes on in perpetuity.

Your Committee recommends in replacement of Most Excellent Companion Burden, Excellent Companion John R. Brown, M.D.; - M.B., PH.D., B.SC., AIHVE., - LMSSA - MRSH. Ex. Comp. Brown is a Com-

panion of University Chapter No. 241, a graduate in medicine of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, London, England, and also a graduate in Physiology St. Thomas Hospital, London, England. He is presently Professor and Head of the Department of Physiological Hygiene at the University of Toronto, and in determining the capabilities of the applicants will be of inestimable value to your Committee.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted.

JOHN M. BURDEN

J. L. HOUSE

F. W. DEAN

C. W. EMMETT

M. A. SEARLE, Chairman

Moved by the Grand First Principal, seconded by M. Ex. Comp. Searle, and—

Resolved—That the report on Scholarship and Bursaries be received and adopted.

COMMITTEE ON SCHOLARSHIP AND BURSARIES

Moved by M. Ex. Comp. M. A. Searle, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. G. Harold Shannon, and—

Resolved—That the following M. Ex. Companions comprise the Committee on Scholarship and Bursaries for the respective years:

M. Ex. Comp. Fred W. Dean—retires 1968.

M. Ex. Comp. John L. House—retires 1969.

M. Ex. Comp. Charles W. Emmett—retires 1970.

M. Ex. Comp. Maurice A. Searle—retires 1971.

Ex. Comp. J. R. Brown, M.D.—retires 1972.

It was moved by M. Ex. Comp. Fraser Hay, M.D., seconded by the Grand First Principal "That rules be prepared so that Donations to the Scholarship and Bursary Fund may be used for Tax Deductions and that authority be given to set up the necessary Fund acceptable to the Tax Department." Carried.

COMMITTEE ON AWARDS FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL

To the Most Excellent Grand First Principal, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

Dear Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

Your committee on Distinguished Service awards is most happy to make the following report.

During the past year, your committee received three applications for a Distinguished Service award.

Richard Baxter—St. Albans Chapter, No. 217 (1966)

Frederick Roy Little—Mt. Nebo Chapter, No. 76 (1967)

Frederick Robert Ayers—Pentalpha Chapter, No. 28 (1967)

In every instance, the forms were made out and complied with the constitutional requirements, and your committee were most happy to agree unanimously that the Distinguished Companions in question be awarded the Distinguished Service Jewel.

Confirmation of the decisions was forwarded to our Grand Scribe E, c/o The Grand Chapter Office and we undersand that to date, all of the Jewels in question have been presented.

Your committee, Most Ex. Sir, is desirous of expressing its

gratitude for the privilege of serving Grand Chapter on this important committee.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,
Committee on Distinguished Service Awards.

Most Ex. Comp. A.G.N. BRADSHAW,

Most Ex. Comp. J.L. HOUSE

Most Ex. Comp. C.W. EMMETT, Chairman

Moved by R. Ex. Comp. Stanley Portch, seconded by M. Ex. Comp. C. W. Emmett, and—

Resolved—That the report of the Committee on Awards for Distinguished Service Medal be received and adopted.

Resolved—That the following Companions comprise the Committee on Awards for Distinguished Service Medal for their respective terms:

M. Ex. Comp. A. G. N. Bradshaw—retires in 1968.

M. Ex. Comp. C. W. Emmett—retires in 1969.

M. Ex. Comp. Fraser Hay, MD.—retires in 1970.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE CONDITION OF CAPITULAR MASONRY

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in the Province of Ontario.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

Your Committee on Capitular Masonry has carefully reviewed the reports of the Grand Superintendents, and from the kind assistance of the Grand Scribe E, we now present our Report on the Condition of Capitular Masonry in the Province of Ontario for the year 1966.

First let us say that the Companions of this Grand Chapter were real pleased to learn late in 1966 that our Grand First Principal, Most Excellent Companion Girven, had been restored to good health and that he was able to undertake the arduous duties of his office. Reports reaching us from the chapters that he visited stated that the Companions were delighted with his visits and the fine messages which he left with them. May he continue to enjoy good health.

The Grand Superintendents report in their reports and the Statistical Reports that for the most part — yes there are a few weak spots — that the condition of Royal Arch Masonry in Ontario is in splendid condition. The work as done by the officers is good, attendance and the lack of interest in a number of cases could be improved upon. This would be a real encouragement to the officers and a big morale builder to the Companions in general. This lack of interest is not only prevalent in the Chapters but is evidenced in the other Masonic bodies and spreads itself among the affairs of our country. This can only be overcome by a sincere desire for more knowledge and a willingness on the part of each Royal Arch Mason to dispense light and knowledge whenever and wherever it is possible to do so.

During the past year five chapters moved into their homes. Dedication ceremonies for these were as follows: Keystone Chapter No. 35, Whitby, September 18th; King Darius Chapter No. 134, Cannington, September 24th; Excelsior Chapter No. 45, Colborne, November 22nd; Midland Chapter No. 94, Lindsay, January 14th, 1967; and Preston Chapter No. 245, Preston, January 21st, 1967. Each of these Dedication ceremonies were very well attended by present and past Grand Chapter Officers and the Companions from their several districts. We wish them well in their new homes and may they continue to prosper.

During the year the Grand Superintendents were called upon to present a number of 25 year Past Principal Jewels and 50 year Grand Chapter Jewels. They were happy to perform these pleasant tasks. The recipients were pleased to receive these honors.

Four chapters held Ladies' Nights during the year, these were reported upon as being successful events. We commend them to the Companions as a splendid manner in which the Companions can meet and become acquainted with the ladies and also as a way of showing their appreciation to the ladies for their part in the Masonic way of life.

District Principals' Associations are becoming more general throughout our jurisdiction, several new Associations were formed this last year. We commend them to the chapters, their meetings are worthy of support by all Principals, for at them matters of a common nature can be discussed to the advantage of the chapters in the district.

We are pleased to report that district church services were held in ten districts, all being well attended. Five chapters also held services on their own and these, too, were favorably received. We commend these services to all Companions, they are deserving of your full support.

In most of the districts the Grand Superintendents were able to hold chapters of instruction, all were favorably received. The Committee on Masonic Education was represented at a number of these meetings.

Your Committee reporting on membership for the year 1966 reports the total membership to be 20,781 of this total 2,267 are commuted members, our net loss for the year was 217 being 31 less than last year. The membership for the year 1956 was 22,434 which results in a loss of 1,653 in membership over a ten year period. The total of Admissions, Joinings and Restorations in 1966 was 767 an increase of 43 over last year. The Withdrawals, Suspensions, Adjustments and Deaths totalled 984 against a total of 1,255 for a year ago. Deaths alone this year were 521, an increase of 18 over last year.

Further on the subject of membership, only five districts showed a gain against a loss in the balance of the districts. One district reported no suspensions, let us try to better this in 1967. The matter of demits and suspensions is one which requires a great deal of attention. A strong committee in each chapter composed of Past Principals should be asked to review this problem with the ruling Principals and the Scribe E before any action is taken on these matters. By so doing your Committee feels that the number of demits and suspensions can be reduced. Maybe a little charity by way of remitting the dues of some of these Companions would eliminate some of the losses, thereby retaining some worthy Companions.

Now for the subject of outstanding dues and those in arrears beyond the period of 12 months. We find the amount of dues outstanding to be \$30,975, a real sizeable amount, think what this would bring in interest if this amount were invested in bonds, also the chapters could use these funds towards operational costs of the chapter. Those in arrears 12 months or more totaled 1,403 approximately 14% of our paying membership. The lowest in any district was 4 and the highest was 210. Your Committee can report that there were 4 chapters with none reported in arrears and with no outstanding dues, we commend these chapters for their record and trust that in 1967 more chapters will follow their example.

Your Committee was concerned in reviewing the Statistical Reports to find that 17 chapters were reported as having no insurance. Those reporting insurance ranged from \$300. to \$3,000. We wonder why no insurance is carried by these chapters and we would suggest to Grand Chapter that the Grand Superintendents check out this matter of in-

surance, even \$300. is a low figure when you look at the replacement values today.

The matter of chapter liabilities we feel should be reviewed as the figures shown on the Statistical Reports for these run from Nil to \$2,100.

In reporting on the prospects of the chapters, these are varied and run from very poor, not good and excellent. Here again it is a matter of greater interest being shown by all members of the Royal Craft. Let us take pride in our membership in the Royal Craft and masonry in general. Let us enter upon the Centennial Year of this great country with one of pride and pledge ourselves to the furtherance of Royal Arch Masonry so that when the reports for 1967 are presented a number of our shortcomings for 1966 will have disappeared.

We wish to thank the Grand Scribe E for his assistance and to you Most Excellent Sir for the privilege of serving this Grand Chapter.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

R. Ex. Comp. O. G. OKE

R. Ex. Comp. H. S. WINKWORTH

R. Ex. Comp. G. S. HUDSON

R. Ex. Comp. A. J. MELLIS

R. Ex. Comp. F. C. ACKERT (Chairman)

Moved by the Grand Second Principal, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. F. C. Ackert, and—

Resolved—That the report of the Special Committee on Conditions of Capitular Masonry be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

To the Most Excellent Grand First Principal Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

The Committee on Finance submits the following report for the year ending February 28, 1967.

The reports of the Grand Treasurer, the Auditor and the Grand Scribe E for the year ending February 28th, 1967, have been received and reviewed by the members of this committee and those reports are now being submitted to this Grand Body for consideration.

These reports have been found complete and accurate in every detail and cover all transactions pertaining to the financial position of this Grand Chapter for the fiscal year. All items of receipts and disbursements in respect to the General Fund, the Victory Thanksgiving Benevolent Fund, the Grand Chapter Life Membership Fund, the Chapters' Life Membership Fund and the Grand Chapter Scholarship and Bursary Fund are properly detailed and these reports contain complete schedules of the securities in which these funds are now invested.

Exhibit "A" is a balance sheet showing all assets and all liabilities of Grand Chapter. It includes all funds which are entrusted to and over which Grand Chapter has control.

The amount owing by constituent Chapters shows an increase from \$628.58 in 1966 to \$1,095.41 in 1967.

The amount owing from the Grand Chapter Life Membership Fund is \$897.75. We recommend that as soon as funds are available in the Life Membership's Fund, this amount be transferred to the General Fund.

The details of the receipts and expenditures of the Victory Thanksgiving Benevolent Fund are set out in Schedule "1". The details of the receipts and expenditures of the Grand Chapter Life Membership Fund and the Chapters' Life Membership Fund are set out in Schedules "2" and "3", respectively.

The details of the receipts and expenditures of the Grand Chapter Scholarship and Bursary Fund are set out in Schedule "4". It is noted that Scholarships to the value of \$2,750.00 were awarded during the fiscal year.

The Comparative Revenue and Expenditure Account set out in Exhibit "B" shows that the expenditure exceeded the revenue by \$621.30.

Our securities have been examined by the Auditor. They are held in a place and custody authorized by Grand Chapter and the present par value of all securities is \$161,300.00.

The Committee commends the Grand Scribe E and his assistant for the efficient manner in which the duties of their office is being performed.

In presenting the budget for 1967 to 1968 a surplus of \$715.00 has been included.

ESTIMATE OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES FOR FISCAL

Revenue	YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 28, 1968	
Registration Fees		\$ 2,000.00
Dues per Capita		23,530.00
Life Membership Dues		1,500.00
Dispensations, Warrants		175.00
Sale of Supplies		2,000.00
Interest on Investments and Funds on Deposit		2,400.00
Total Income		\$31,605.00

Expenditures		
Grand Chapter Office		
Grand Scribe E compensation	\$5,850.00	
Grand Scribe E annuity	500.00	
Office assistant	4,160.00	
Miscellaneous—Telephone, Postage	1,250.00	
Rent	2,688.00	
Canada Pension Fund	155.00	\$14,603.00
Foreign Correspondence Reviewer		300.00
Audit Fee		600.00
Printing:		
Proceedings	\$2,000.00	
General	600.00	\$ 2,600.00
Travelling:		
Grand Z	\$2,000.00	
General	225.00	\$ 2,225.00
Expenses:		
Grand Convocation	\$3,500.00	
Executive Committee	2,100.00	
Special Committee (Trial)	300.00	\$ 5,900.00
Jewels and engraving		800.00
Grant to Masonic Library		125.00
Liability Insurance		982.00
Regalia, Grand Z		225.00
Testimonial, Grand Z		350.00
Education and Instruction		200.00
Supplies for resale		1,650.00
Regalia repair		80.00
Office Expenses		250.00
Total Expenditure		\$30,890.00
Surplus for period		715.00
		\$31,605.00

Your Committee wishes to express to the Grand Z their appreciation for his guidance. The Committee also expresses their thanks to the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Scribe E for help so readily given.

All of which is respectfully submitted on behalf of the Committee.

B. C. ALFORD, Chairman

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 28, 1967

Revenue

	1966-67 Budget	1966-67 Actual	1967-68 Estimate
Fees	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,041.50	\$ 2,000.00
Dues	18,000.00	18,931.20	23,530.00
Life Membership Dues	1,500.00	1,427.75	1,500.00
Dispensations, Warrants	175.00	219.00	175.00
Sale of Supplies	2,000.00	2,003.85	2,000.00
Interest on Investments	2,500.00	2,365.48	2,400.00
Total Income	\$26,175.00	\$26,988.78	\$31,605.00
Loss for Period	\$ 2,332.47	\$ 621.30	
Surplus for Period			\$ 715.00

Expenditures

Grand Chapter Office

	1966-67 Budget	1966-67 Actual	1967-68 Estimate
Grand Scribe E compensation	\$ 5,850.00	\$ 5,850.00	\$ 5,850.00
Grand Scribe E annuity	500.00	500.00	500.00
Office Assistant	4,160.00	4,076.00	4,160.00
Misc.—Telephone, Postage	1,200.00	1,136.18	1,250.00
Rent	2,500.00	2,528.00	2,688.00
Canada Pension Fund	155.00	155.00	155.00
Special Donation (Mrs. E. Smith)	200.00	100.00	0
	\$14,565.00	\$14,333.30	\$14,603.00
Foreign Correspondence Reviewer	300.00	300.00	300.00
Audit Fee	500.00	500.00	600.00
Printing:			
Proceedings	1,800.00	1,734.28	2,000.00
General	600.00	366.93	600.00
	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 2,101.21	\$ 2,600.00

Travelling:

Grand Z	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 2,000.00
General	250.00	62.85	225.00
	\$ 2,250.00	\$ 1,862.85	\$ 2,225.00

Expenses:

Grand Convocation	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,623.60	\$ 3,500.00
Executive Committee	2,000.00	2,208.27	2,100.00
Special Committee (Trial)	0	0	300.00
	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 5,831.87	\$ 5,900.00

Jewels and Engraving	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 202.68	\$ 800.00
Grant to Masonic Library	125.00	125.00	125.00
Grant to Masonic Research Association	50.00	50.00	0
Liability Insurance	937.47	982.48	982.00
Education and Instruction	300.00	105.30	200.00
Supplies for resale	500.00	1,144.93	1,650.00
Grand Z regalia	0	0	225.00
Regalia repair	80.00	70.46	80.00
Grand Z testimonial	0	0	350.00
Office expenses	0	0	250.00
Total Expenditure	\$28,507.47	\$27,610.08	\$30,890.00

Moved by the Grand Second Principal, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. Alford, and—

Resolved—That the report of the Committee on Finance be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL DEAD 1966 - 1967

To the Most Excellent Grand First Principal, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

Your Executive Committee through the Committee on Fraternal Dead beg to submit the following report.

On behalf of myself, R. Ex. Comp. Rev. James A. Payton Vice Chairman, and three other members of our committee, we would like to thank all of the Grand Superintendents, and the Scribe E. of each Chapter, for their Co-operation in reporting to the Grand Scribe E. prompt information on the passing of Companions to the Grand Chapter Above.

At this time we pause in the deliberations of our Grand Chapter to pay respect to the memory of our many Companions who this year entered the land "from whose bourn no traveler returns."

Once again it is the sad duty of this committee to record the passing to the Grand Chapter Above of 521 of our Companions, stalwart men whose wise counsel and genial personalities will be sorely missed.

Fifty One of these Companions were among the leaders of our Royal Craft, having Grand Chapter Rank, also many more who were happy serving their own Chapters. We must never forget, that the contribution these Companions have made, has enabled us to have strong Chapters, the foundation of our Grand Body.

Our Grand East has once more been reduced through the loss of Most Excellent Companion Mellville S. Gooderham. His dedication to the service of Royal Arch Masonry has been outstanding, his devotion to the Royal Craft, his unfailing courtesy, and kindly help to all will be missed.

As always in acknowledging our debt to our departed Companions, we are again reminded of the unfinished and never ending mission of Masonry, and we are grateful that many young men are taking up the task our Companions had to leave behind, when they slipped beyond our mortal ken.

May we in their memory quote John Rankin who said: "Therefore when we build, let us think that we build forever. Let it not be for the present alone. Let it be such work as our descendants will thank us for, and let us think as we lay stone upon stone, that the time is come when these stones will be held sacred because our hands have

touched them, and that men will say as they look upon the labour and wrought substance of them. See what our Fathers did for us."

Our Companions who have this year departed from our midst, have in the short span of time allotted to them laboured hard that we may be the beneficiary, let us in recognition of their service and sacrifice, rededicate ourselves to the service of our great institution, that we too may leave for our descendants a way of life, worthy of imitation.

While we remember our own dead, let us express a word of sympathy and condolence to our sister Grand Jurisdictions that have like cause for sorrow. They, too, have suffered losses, including many distinguished MASONIC Leaders. A listing of their honored dead will be included in the Grand Chapter Proceedings.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. A. BIRD

B. WOODBECK

E. A. BARNARD

REV. J. A. PAYTON (Vice Chairman)

FRED W. D. WELHAM (Chairman)

Moved by the Grand Second Principal, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. Welham, and—

Resolved—That the report of the Committee on Fraternal Dead be received.

Of the 521 of our Companions who answered the call to Higher Service the following 50 held Grand Chapter Rank:

Chapter

- 1 V. Ex. Comp. John L. Orme
- 2 V. Ex. Comp. Robert J. Deacon
- 6 V. Ex. Comp. George W. Britton
- 8 R. Ex. Comp. Arthur L. Tinker
- 23 V. Ex. Comp. N. Edward Lawrence
- 24 R. Ex. Comp. John Adamson, V. Ex. Comp. Charles R. Swatridge
- 26 V. Ex. Comp. George Collier
- 27 V. Ex. Comp. William P. Dey
- 28 V. Ex. Comp. Norman W. Purdy
- 30 R. Ex. Comp. William H. Roope
- 36 V. Ex. Comp. Arthur S. Couper
- 40 R. Ex. Comp. John Fisher Marr, Sr.
- 41 V. Ex. Comp. Milton V. Lucas
- 59 R. Ex. Comps. Charles W. McLean, Albert Munro
- 65 V. Ex. Comp. Norman S. Clark
- 66 R. Ex. Comp. James E. Keating
- 69 R. Ex. Comps. Albert Jarvis, Lesslie J. Colling
- 90 V. Ex. Comp. Harry H. Tate
- 91 V. Ex. Comp. Walter J. Stewart
- 94 R. Ex. Comp. Lawrence A. Gilkinson
- 114 R. Ex. Comp. Roderick F. Fraser
- 117 R. Ex. Comp. Henry M. Cook, V. Ex. Comp. Oscar A. Keffer
- 130 V. Ex. Comps. John A. George, Elgin L. Feick
- 144 R. Ex. Comp. Orval E. Kelly
- 145 R. Ex. Comp. John C. Day
- 167 R. Ex. Comp. Percy Eagles
- 169 V. Ex. Comp. William G. Nixon
- 175 R. Ex. Comp. Albert Jarvis
- 195 V. Ex. Comp. Herbert Wilson
- 198 V. Ex. Comp. Harry K. Maynard
- 212 R. Ex. Comp. Arthur L. Tinker
- 214 V. Ex. Comp. J. Samuel Maddock

- 215 V. Ex. Comps. George W. Ostrander, John Marchment
- 219 R. Ex. Comp. Leslie J. Colling
- 220 R. Ex. Comp. Arthur E. Sharpe
- 222 V. Ex. Comp. John R. Meldrum
- 225 R. Ex. Comps. John C. Day, William Pendleton
- 227 V. Ex. Comp. Robert D. Adams
- 232 V. Ex. Comp. John Marchment
- 242 V. Ex. Comp. Frederick G. Fuller
- 251 R. Ex. Comp. Reginald Pineger
- 257 V. Ex. Comp. William Black
- 262 R. Ex. Comp. John Fisher Marr

To our sister Jurisdictions in the Dominion of Canada, The British Commonwealth of Nations and the United States of America, we extend sincere sympathy for the loss of their distinguished Companions:

GRAND CHAPTER ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF ARIZONA

M. Ex. Comp. Carey Burleson Wilson, G.H.P.—1952-1953

THE MOST EXCELLENT GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF COLORADO

R. Ex. Comp. Albert Edward Jameson, G.S.E.—1966

THE GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS

M. Ex. Comp. Robert M. Diebold G.H.P.—1958-1959

GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF INDIANA

M. Ex. Comp. Charles Wm. Allen, G.H.P.—1945

GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF MAINE

R. Ex. Comp. Albert Edward Anderson

R. Ex. Comp. Clifford Harry West, Grand King—1953

GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF MARYLAND

M. Ex. Comp. John S. Byers, G.H.P.—1949

GRAND CHAPTER ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF NEVADA

R. Ex. Comp. Albert L. McGinty, Dep. G.H.P.—1928-1929

GRAND YORK RITE BODIES OF NEVADA

M. Ex. Comp. Edward Charles Peterson, G.H.P.—1919-1920

M. Ex. Comp. Lawrence Wm. Semenza, G.H.P.—1928-1929

THE GRAND CHAPTER OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK ROYAL ARCH MASONS

Comp. Wm. L. Cummings, P.G. Lecturer

M. Ex. Comp. E. Stanley Pier, G.H.P.—1946

Comp. Ward K. St. Clair, G.M. 3RD Veil

GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF NOVA SCOTIA

M. Ex. Comp. Robert Vans Hogan, G.H.P.—1956-1958

M. Ex. Comp. Gordon Stewart Walker, G.H.P.—1959-1960

GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF THE STATE OF OHIO

M. Ex. Comp. Herbert Thompson Leyland, G.H.P.—1947-1948

GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS OF OKLAHOMA

GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF OKLAHOMA

Comp. John Hamilton White, G.M.—1961-1962

THE GRAND HOLY ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF PENNSYLVANIA

M. Ex. Comp. Charles Edgar Tull, G.H.P.—1955-1956

M. Ex. Comp. Walter D. Ferree, G.H.P.—1957-1958

THE SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER OF VICTORIA

M. Ex. Comp. Albert John Rupert Matthews, First Gr. Principal

THE GRAND CHAPTER ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

R. Ex. and R. Em. Comp. Carl Frank Wood, Grand Secretary

GRAND CHAPTER ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF WEST VIRGINIA

Rev. Eddie Wilson Billings, Gr. Chaplain Emeritus

DEATHS

Chapter

- 1 John H. Parker, Leonard A. Sayer, Norman J. Jones, Harry J. Stuart, Robert M. Currie, John L. Orme, Hamilton F. McClymont, Fred Smith
- 2 Robert J. Deacon, Walter A. Wilton, Robert J. Campbell, William Curow, Alex Geddes, Andrew Miller, Robert Philip
- 3 Victor McMillan, James A. Lewis, Cecil G. Watson
- 4 James J. Andrews, William R. Jones, John W. Payne, Wilbert N. Thurston, George R. Cook
- 5 John McKee, Cyril Cooper, Allen M. Lowe, William L. Cook, Frederick J. Seage, William A. McCormick, Samuel G. Pack
- 6 George W. Britton, Richard Noble, Reginald J. Perkins, Hugh Whitham
- 7 William B. Bottom, Donald Burr, Garnet E. Dobbs, Harry Stevens
- 8 John Thomson, Sidney Sadler, Gordon Lambe, David Reid, Arthur L. Tinker, Preston King, Walter Murray
- 15 Henry B. Stronach, Leonard S. Payne, Robert Hallam
- 16 Thomas Scott, Frank Shouldice, Charles Morris, Gordon Bradley, Garnet T. Powell, Jack J. Kinder, Downing P. Barrett, Harper D. Moffatt, Wm. L. Robertson, Keith Moores, John M. Scharfe, Charles Paynter
- 18 Sydney Coppins, J. D. Jupp, John W. Sales
- 19 Joseph Backus, Clarence L. Stoner, John Curnow, Thomas McGee
- 20 Harry W. Stees, Robert K. Johnston, Alexander MacGregor, Charles L. Kaufman, George A. Ryler, Roscoe L. Beckett, William Broadley, John B. Adam
- 22 George McIlveen, Andrew A. Goodin, James Kennedy
- 23 Donald M. Reeves, Stewart Mayberry, Clayton Collings, James I. Moore, John E. Cooper, N. Edward Lawrence
- 24 Charles R. Swatridge, G. E. Matavia, David Smith, Frederick Holman, J. R. Swanson, John Adamson, Gordon Rankin, Alex Manson, Leland D. Menary, Fred W. Seigner
- 26 W. J. Stacey, Walter Wrightman, George Collier, Arthur Jackson, Charles E. Endersbe
- 27 James E. Bell, Douglas B. Watson, Hartford D. Laughlin, Roy E. Ridley, William P. Dey, Thomas L. Grieves
- 28 George H. Lane, Andrew G. Broomfield, Philip Brownson, George Gray, Norman W. Purdy, Stanley J. Simpson, John H. Mouncey
- 29 Robert Darch, Harry Lucken, Gordon Phillips
- 30 William Bisset, John W. Frith, William B. Johnston, Ralph Duncan Munroe, William H. Roope, John M. Gillies
- 31 William Cooper, James C. Simpson, Hubert Goodmurphy, Herbert F. Atherton
- 32 Donald McLennan, George L. Duncan
- 34 Charles H. Chapman, Thomas McKenzie, Douglas B. Watson, John A. Elliott
- 35 Harold M. Gully, William Hoar, Robert D. Ruddy
- 36 Thomas H. G. Galdan, Keith G. Lech, Arthur S. Couper, William Hipperson, Roscoe F. Downey, John V. Baird, Richard R. Ford, Howard P. Rowell, Fred A. Clarke
- 37 Lawrence B. Spicer, William A. Highfield

- 40 Charles A. Leidy, W. A. Roy Davis, Frederick C. Pear, Ian William Nesbitt, Frederick Radcliffe, John Fisher Marr Sr., Malcolm Callender
- 41 Manfred J. Wilson, Henry Edwards, Milton V. Lucas, Dennis G. Tulett, William Dorland, William Robertson
- 44 Harry B. Scott, J. Stanley Sexsmith, Fred T. Bell
- 46 Albert Dell, John W. Durr
- 47 Sanford F. Ross, Howard Anderson, Jesse Mills
- 48 Merton E. Hall, George S. Mitchell, William R. Waters, Alexander W. Robertson
- 53 John McMullen
- 54 William Lindley, Harold Lockwood, Roy Matthews, Robert Davie, Phillip Hillesheim, Benjamin Skill
- 55 J. Walker
- 56 Jacques Harvey McGregor, John G. Murray, James J. Wilson
- 57 L. R. McGratten
- 59 Milo Wiltsie, Charles W. McLean, David Miles, Albert Munro, Walter Rogers, H. Leslie Burnham
- 61 Andrew Baird, Elias A. McWade, William L. Shaver
- 62 G. H. Adeenbrooke
- 63 Joseph Harrington, James F. Marcus
- 64 Barron, John Alex, Raymond S. Doan
- 65 Norman S. Clark, William J. Yarmey
- 66 Frank Fingland, James E. Keating, Wm. J. Moffat
- 67 William Scrimgeour
- 68 Charles Patton, John F. Robertson
- 69 Albert Jarvis, Leslie J. Colling, William J. Chivers, Vance R. Farrell, Marvin I. Southward
- 71 Hugh R. Johnston
- 72 Richard H. Philip, Earl H. Dunkley
- 73 Charles W. Carroll
- 74 James L. Stephenson, Clifford Smith, Fred Paul
- 75 Neil A. McPhail, Frank McNiven, Lorne D. Bird, Charles N. Kerr, Thomas S. Ronaldson
- 76 Walter Filer
- 77 William C. Poulter, G. W. Garrett
- 78 William D. Glenn, Thomas L. Hutchinson
- 79 Frederick G. Russell, William H. Gay, Albro M. Thorne, George W. Wood, Thomas B. Onions, Albert O. Cook, Albert E. Strutt
- 80 A. H. Neville, Samuel Officer, Elmer Kersey, Edward F. Sawyer, Frank D. Caldwell, John Copeland, Samuel Wallace, Herbert S. Anderson, Joseph L. Heatherington, George E. Madocks, Wm. R. Varcoe
- 82 Herman R. H. Bryan, Houghton B. Peppard, Lloyd Burko, John T. Stocks, Samuel G. Sherratt, Frank R. Daley, Charles Nelson, Robert Bell
- 84 Josiah G. Fox, Roy M. Patton, Ernest S. Lewis, Norman McLaughlin, Archibald M. Engel
- 88 David F. Smith, Gordon L. Holmes, Eric H. Taylor
- 90 Harry H. Tate
- 91 Falconer H. Michael, Walter J. Stewart, Thomas Young, Mathewson Alexander, George J. Mitchell, Robert J. Espie, William M. Potts, Charles E. Barhydt, Charles S. W. Short
- 94 Lawrence A. Gilkinson, Bruce A. McArthur
- 95 Willie Bradley, John Walsh, George H. Winsor, James W. Rawlins, Arthur O. Hinds, William Black

- 102 Wilfrid R. Stephen, John H. Fulton, Harold W. Brumley, James McComb, John I. Filipowicz, Robert A. Campbell, Ronald Stephen
- 103 Colenzo J. Redington, Percy E. Hughes, Lachlan M. Ross, John W. Brown
- 104 James Wilson, George F. Hall, Hugh Y. McNeill, John M. Wallace
- 110 Harold N. Doidge
- 113 Walter Jayes, Lorne Meldrum, Harry Marsden, M. A. Millross
- 114 Roderick F. Fraser, Charles W. Rose, Kenneth McDowell, Leo Ogden
- 115 W. K. Pope, Joel Dawson, Dr. W. H. Reid, Norman H. MacCullough
- 116 Wilfred S. Bellamy, Archibald McWade, Francis M. McCaffrey, William P. Pattie
- 117 Henry M. Cook, Lawrence A. Becker, Oscar A. Keffer, Frederick W. B. Hoodless, Walter Hatch, Charles Hendrix
- 119 Gladstone Rowley, Frederick Hilton, John W. Stevenson, Stanley Blair
- 129 William H. Hoflich
- 130 John A. George, Frank G. Macaulay, Elgin L. Feick, J. Scott Luckham
- 131 Stewart Peacock
- 132 Robert G. Kelly, Leslie A. Cunningham, Philip P. Mavety
- 133 William Hill, Marshall E. Brian, Stanley Wilker, George L. Carleton
- 135 Lewis J. Harmon
- 138 Arthur Goulden, Clarence E. Parfitt, Robert L. Clark, Harold E. Eastwood, John J. Joynson, Walter J. Harris
- 140 Charles J. Boyle, Royal E. Hegel, Ernest H. Isle, William J. Lysnes, Louis Rapley, Harry Limer
- 143 Donald J. MacKinnon, Donald A. Gray, James N. Fitzgerald
- 144 Orval E. Kelly
- 145 Robert Tompkins, William F. Guthrie, Thomas A. Murphy, Clarence F. McRitchie, Thomas M. Brown, Leslie C. Broyden, Gordon V. Young, John Day, John H. Bonter, James A. Stewart
- 146 Beverly H. Bamford, Fred Lee, Cecil Vandrick, William Scott, Herbert Zilliax
- 147 James Beaton
- 148 Raymond A. Chambers, George C. McFarlane
- 150 Fred R. Hoffman, Francis W. Vincent, Cecil J. Hardy, Thomas C. Clatworthy
- 151 George H. Dunbar, Robert Goddard
- 152 James J. Moore, Norman D. Cottam
- 161 Miller Jonns, George O'Neil
- 163 Fred W. Creber, Albert T. Trotter, William J. Stratton
- 164 Ivan Little, Orval Gibson
- 167 Gordon Morris, Harold Humphries, Percy agles, Moberly Denure, Joe Dunlop, Lloyd Murdy, Robert W. Smith
- 168 Wilfred E. Cargin, William J. Ross, R. James McMullen
- 169 Ruben Y. Campbell, William G. Nixon, John A. Adams, John M. Laffin
- 175 Albert Jarvis
- 184 John E. Willis, Howard D. Cox, William W. Gorham, Bert Hyde
- 195 Harold Lawrence, Arthur Freeman, Norman Muir, Herbert Wilson, Percy Warr
- 198 Harry K. Maynard
- 205 Henry C. Tomlin, James G. Godwin
- 210 Walter W. Steven, John M. Boland

IN MEMORIAM

MOST EX. COMP. MELVILLE S. GOODERHAM

It is with profound sorrow we record our great loss in the passing of Most Ex. Companion Melville S. Gooderham.

The passing of this distinguished citizen, dedicated Mason, and family man, leaves a gap in our ranks that will ever remind us of one who has given unstintingly of his time, talents and worldly goods to the discharging and maintaining of the high ideals of our great fraternity.

Lieutenant Colonel Most Excellent Companion Melville S. Gooderham was born in Toronto, August 9, 1894. Died February 20, 1967. He was a Past Master of Ionic Lodge No. 25 A.F. & A.M., Toronto, Exalted in Richard Eve Chapter, Grand Registry of England #2772, Affiliated with St. Pauls Chapter #65 December 8, 1920, Appointed to the office of Grand Director of Ceremonies of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario April 1950. Elected Member of the Grand Executive April 1952, Elected Grand J., 1953, Elected Grand H., 1955, Elected Honorary Grand Z., 1957.

"It is hard to write on the death of a friend,
Or portray the light of his smile,
but with all it implies, we can lovingly tell,
He was a man, A Mason, and a friend worthwhile."

The Late Lieutenant Colonel Most Excellent Companion Melville S. Gooderham was most proud of his Canadian and British Heritage, and gave ample proof of this by his distinguished Military service, both in World War I and again in World War II.

In August 1914, he was gazetted Lieutenant with the third Battalion C.E.F. and proceeded overseas with this unit as a part of the first Contingent of the Canadian Expeditionary Force.

Likewise, he served with distinction during World II,

and retired at the cessation of hostilities with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

This service to Canada and the British Commonwealth is best exemplified by the following words, penned hundreds of years ago by a great Greek Philosopher when he wrote:

"Fix your eyes on the greatness of your country as you have it before you day by day,

Fall in love with her and when you feel her great, remember that her greatness was won by men with courage, with knowledge of their duty, and with a sense of honour in action, who, even if they failed in some venture would not think of depriving the country of their powers but laid them at her feet as their fairest offering."

The deep sense of dedication and indebtedness to his beloved country and fellow man was tangible evidence of his distinguished family background. We note that his beloved Father was Knighted by the Late King George V for his great philanthropic work, particularly during World War I.

The Late Most Excellent Companion Gooderham's Masonic life was not only one of achievement, but inspirational to all those who had the privilege of knowing him. He caught a vision of Masonry at the very outset of his Masonic life and in his every day living, followed and practiced its great teachings and fundamentals.

He was indeed a Mason personified, and a man who modestly moved in the sphere of his life, who without blemish fulfilled his duties as a man, a subject, a husband and a father. He was pious without hypocrisy, benevolent without ostentation and aided his fellow men in all avenues without self interest.

He was a man who at no time courted applause, but was respected by all noble minded men. He did not cease his efforts until he had accomplished his purpose, but then without pretention, would retire into the sphere of his family life with the sense of achievement that he had done a good act, not for himself, but for the cause of good.

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada, in the Province of Ontario has sustained a great loss in the passing of Most Excellent Companion Melville S. Gooderham, but he has left us a legacy of life, truly well spent masonically and otherwise which we all should endeavour to emulate.

GRAND CHAPTER "CALLED OFF"

Grand Chapter was "Called Off" at 4:30 p.m. to permit the delegates to select their Grand Superintendents and elect the officers of Grand Chapter for the ensuing year and the next place of meeting.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26, 1967

Grand Chapter was "Called on" at 9:30 a.m.

ELECTION REPORT

At the One Hundred and Ninth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario, held in the Royal York Hotel, City of Toronto, Ontario, on April 25th and 26th, 1967, the following officers and committees were elected and appointed:—

M. Ex. Comp. Stanley Portch	Grand Z.	} Grand Council
R.R. #2, 5059 Walkers Line, Milton, Ontario		
R. Ex. Comp. G. Harold Shannon	Grand H.	
30 Spetz St., Kitchener, Ontario		
R. Ex. Comp. F. W. D. Welham	Grand J.	}
60 Stewart Smith Dr., Toronto 15, Ontario.		

GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS, 1967

R. Ex. Comp. Rev. J. Clifford Britton	Grand Chaplain
Seaforth, Ontario	
M. Ex. Comp. Fred W. Dean	Grand Treasurer
244 Holton Ave. South, Hamilton, Ontario	
R. Ex. Comp. Robert John Hamilton	Grand Scribe E.
514 Temple Bldg., 62 Richmond St. W., Toronto 1, Ontario	
R. Ex. Comp. Wilbert D. Taylor	Grand Scribe N.
299 MacKay St., Ottawa 2, Ontario	
R. Ex. Comp. Roy Mathews	Grand Principal Sojourner
55 Were St., Peterborough, Ontario	
R. Ex. Comp. Edward M. Marshall	Grand Registrar
Apt. 11, 137 Emerald St. S., Hamilton, Ont.	

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE—Elected

R. Ex. Comp. Lloyd B. Gillespie, 410 Eden Ave., Ottawa, Ontario.
R. Ex. Comp. Frederick Scott, 41 Fairfield Ave. N., Hamilton, Ontario.
R. Ex. Comp. L. C. Ewener, 1308 London Rd., Sarnia, Ontario.
R. Ex. Comp. E. K. Hogaboom, 36 Athol Ave, Toronto 18, Ontario.
R. Ex. Comp. James Turnbull, 377 O'Connor Dr., Toronto 6, Ontario.

GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS

(Members of the Executive Committee by Virtue of Office)

St. Clair District No. 1	R. Ex. Comp. Reginald Meen, 142 William St. S., Chatham, Ontario
London District No. 2	R. Ex. Comp. Ernest Stanley Moran, 40 Colbourne St., Strathroy, Ontario
Wilson District No. 3	R. Ex. Comp. Charles Robert Simpson, R.R. #4, Brantford, Ontario.
Wellington District No. 4	R. Ex. Comp. Irwin George Noble, 116 Guelph St., Georgetown, Ontario.
Hamilton District No. 5	R. Ex. Comp. William Simpson Thomson, 1329 Cumnock Crescent, Oakville, Ontario
Huron District No. 6	R. Ex. Comp. William G. Treble R.R. #5, Goderich, Ontario.

Niagara District No. 7.....	R. Ex. Comp. George Douglas Penwarden 6 Park Lane, Port Colborne, Ontario.
Toronto East District No. 8	R. Ex. Comp. Albert O'Halloran, 47 Dunstall Crescent, West Hill, Ontario
Toronto West District No. 8A	R. Ex. Comp. Percy Philip McGregor, 12 Noranda Drive, Toronto 15, Ontario
Georgian District No. 9.....	R. Ex. Comp. Malcolm Alexander MacDonald, Box 1, Forest Ave., Orillia, Ontario
Ontario District No. 10.....	R. Ex. Comp. Ernest Frank Russell Osborne, R.R. #2, Newcastle, Ontario
Prince Edward District No. 11.....	R. Ex. Comp. C. R. Whittemore, 29 Lambert Drive, Belleville, Ontario
St. Lawrence District No. 12.....	R. Ex. Comp. Alfred Regan, 115 Church St., Brockville, Ontario
Ottawa District No. 13	R. Ex. Comp. Charles Compton, 2090 Neepawa Ave., Apt. 603, Ottawa, Ont.
Algoma District No. 14.....	R. Ex. Comp. Malcolm Frank Hemmens, 235 Third St. E., Fort Frances, Ontario
New Ontario District No. 15.....	R. Ex. Comp. John MacKay 270 Willow St., Sudbury, Ontario
Temiskaming District No. 16	R. Ex. Comp. Ernest Alfred Lavery, 20 Main St., Kirkland Lake, Ontario.

NEXT PLACE OF MEETING

By Special Resolution of Grand Chapter the One Hundred and Tenth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario will be held at the Royal York Hotel, Front Street West, Toronto, Ontario, on Monday, April 22nd, 1968, for the Executive Committee at 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, April 23rd, 1968, Grand Chapter will commence at 10:00 a.m. and continue for the rest of the day; Wednesday, April 24th, 1968, Grand Chapter will be resumed at 9:30 a.m. Closing approximately at 1:00 p.m.

COMMUNICATIONS AND GREETINGS

Letters were received conveying greetings and expressing regrets for non-attendance from:

Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Alberta—

Most Excellent Companion Herbert J. McCoy, Grand Z.

Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of British Columbia—

Most Excellent Companion Dr. L. R. Gamey, Grand Z.

Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Nova Scotia—

Most Excellent Companion H. F. Sipprell, Grand Secretary for Grand High Priest.

Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons State of Indiana—

Most Excellent Companion Charles L. Oxley, Grand High Priest.

Grand Chapter of Maine Royal Arch Masons—

Most Excellent Companion George E. Pushar, Grand High Priest.

Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Ohio—

Most Excellent Companion Harold S. Barnheiser, Grand High Priest.

Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry—

Most Puissant George C. Derby, Sovereign Grand Commander.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION, LAWS AND JURISPRUDENCE

To the Most Excellent The Grand First Principal, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

Your Committee on Constitution, Laws, and Jurisprudence is privileged to present its report for the year 1966-67.

Three new sets of Chapter By-laws were received, reviewed and recommended for the approval of the Grand First Principal.

Thirty-seven sets of amendments to Chapter By-laws were received, reviewed and recommended for the approval of the Grand First Principal.

We were requested to advise whether a Centennial Crest could be used on a Chapter Summons for 1967. We advised that we could see no legal objection to the use of this Centennial Crest.

An enquiry was made by a Scribe E. of a Chapter in Eastern Ontario for confirmation of the date of the Institution of his Chapter. It was found that that Chapter had carried on since 1894 under a warrant issued to a Chapter in South-western Ontario in 1876, and the warrant had been surrendered to Grand Chapter by the Chapter in South-western Ontario in 1880, when that Chapter united with another Chapter in the same city. We considered the provision of Sections 168 and 169 of the Constitution but pointed out that, since this Chapter had existed under this Warrant for 72 years, it was our opinion that Grand Chapter should provide this Chapter with a proper warrant.

One Chapter of London District enquired whether an application for attendance at Chapter, and for affiliation of a Companion, who was a member of a Chapter in Rhodesia should be considered. While Rhodesia did not appear to be recognized, the Companion in question belonged to two Chapters, one under the Grand Jurisdiction of England, and one under the Grand Jurisdiction of Scotland. We advised that, in our opinion, the procedures described in the provisions of Section 237 of the Constitution permitted the attendance at Chapter and the affiliation of this Companion.

An application to Grand Chapter by two Chapters desiring to affiliate was submitted for review and we advised that the general principles expressed in the terms of the agreement for affiliation seemed to present no legal reason why these two Chapters should not be permitted to affiliate.

One Chapter enquired through its Scribe E. whether the Chapter had to give life memberships in accordance with the provisions of Section 246 of the Constitution.

We pointed out that said Section 246 reads, in part, as follows: "A Constituent Chapter may, by By-law, admit any of its members to Life Membership . . ." Therefore, if a Constituent Chapter's By-laws provide that members may be admitted to life membership by complying with the provisions of said Section 246, any member may apply for life membership and is entitled, on complying fully with said Section 246, to be granted life memberships.

In reviewing the numerous applications for amendments of By-laws, we found that many Scribe E.'s of the Chapters seemed to be unfamiliar with the procedure required especially the submitting of extracts from Minutes, etc. We would, therefore, recommend that forms or precedents be prepared to assist the Scribe E. of a Constituent Chapter in properly and efficiently submitting proposed amendments to By-laws. Probably a number of approved forms could be made part of the new constitution now being prepared for submission to Grand Chapter.

Page 91 of the Constitution is entitled RULES OF GRAND CHAPTER, respecting Trials for Masonic Offences and Proceedings thereon; Paragraph 1 on that page commences as follows:

1. The following are Masonic offences: and Masonic offences are listed on the whole of that page;

but the Constitution does not contain a precedent or sample Charge Sheet. Since very few Masonic trials are necessary, it is our opinion that a Precedent setting up the proper way to word a Masonic charge should be included in the new Constitution. This would enable anyone responsible for drafting a charge to have it properly worded that the Masonic Order, in this regard, may be properly and efficiently served whenever a trial of a Companion is necessary. An improperly worded charge may result in the charge being dismissed and same could be embarrassing to both the accuser and accused.

It has been proposed "that the Royal Arch Masonic Order have concurrent jurisdiction with all Chapters in the Province". We can see no legal reason why this should not be possible, but are of the opinion that this is a matter of policy to be determined by Grand Chapter.

All proposed amendments to the Constitution of Grand Chapter submitted since the last Convocation were received. In our opinion, these were legally in order, but their context appeared to be a policy matter to be determined by Grand Chapter.

This, my Companions, is a summary of our services during the last year, and our recommendations.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

LEO J. GENT, Chairman,
Committee on Constitution, Laws and Jurisprudence.

Moved by the Grand Second Principal, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. Gent, and—

Resolved—That the report of the Committee on Constitution, Laws and Jurisprudence be received and adopted.

CONSIDERING NOTICES OF MOTION

A resolution was presented to amend Section 287 of the Constitution, so that Section 287 will read:

A Chapter which has attained its one hundredth year of continuous and active service in the Royal Craft is entitled, as a special marking of such feature, to have the cords and tassels on the aprons of its Officers and Companions gold in colour and, if so desired, by means of figures, one-half inch high, in gold embroidery, the year instituted and the centenary year, in the lower left-hand and right-hand corners respectively, of the apron.

The motion was declared lost.

It was moved by M. Ex. Comp. M. A. Searle, seconded by the Grand Second Principal—

Resolved—That Section 140 be amended so that the third last paragraph will read:

For every member of a Chapter, payable semi-annually on the 30th of June and the 31st of December in each year, except the first year of the organization of the Chapter..... .65

Motion carried.

It was moved by M. Ex. Comp. M. A. Searle, seconded by the Grand Second Principal—

Resolved—That Section 140 be amended so that the second last paragraph will read:—

The Commutation Fee to Grand Chapter referred to in Section No. 246 shall be twenty dollars 20.00
Motion carried.

It was moved by M. Ex. Comp. M. A. Searle, seconded by the Grand Second Principal that the resolution to amend the last paragraph of Section 140 that it will read:

The Commutation Fee to Grand Chapter for Honourary membership permitted under Section No. 249 shall be forty dollars 40.00
be not approved. The resolution to amend was declared lost.

OFFICERS INSTALLED AND INVESTED

M. Ex. Comp. Bruce H. Smith installed and invested the newly elected officers of Grand Chapter, including the Grand Superintendents of the several Districts, and they were proclaimed and saluted according to ancient custom.

M. Ex. Comp. Stanley Portch, Grand Z., extended his congratulations to the newly invested Grand Superintendents, reminding them of their duties in connection with their office and wished for them all the pleasure their work in office will afford them, impressing upon them the responsibility they carry on their shoulders as the representative of the Grand First Principal and of Grand Chapter, wishing them health and all the help of the Most High.

VOTE OF THANKS

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. G. Harold Shannon, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. F. W. D. Welham, and—

Resolved—That the thanks of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario be extended to:

The Credential Committee, under the direction of R. Ex. Comp. J. W. Woodland, for the efficient manner in which they carried out their duties;

The Scrutineers, under the direction of V. Ex. Comp. E. Jenkins, for their services in taking charge of the election of officers;

General Chairmen and sub-committees who looked after the arrangements and for their untiring assistance, including the reception and entertainment of the delegates and their ladies;

The Installing Board, under the direction of M. Ex. Comp. Bruce H. Smith, and the Past Grand Z.'s and to all those who have contributed to the success of our One Hundred and Ninth Annual Convocation.

APPOINTED TO OFFICE

The following appointments have been made by Most Ex. Comp. Stanley Portch:

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE—Appointed

- V. Ex. Comp. John S. Gee, Listowel, Ontario.
- R. Ex. Comp. William H. Cheetham, 374 Morse St., Port Arthur, Ontario.
- R. Ex. Comp. Gordon K. Brown, 195 Cross Ave., Oakville, Ontario.
- R. Ex. Comp. Leo John Gent, Box 78, 21 Catharine St. E., Dorchester, Ontario.
- R. Ex. Comp. Bryan C. Alford, 42 Forthbridge Dr., Downsview, Ontario.

ASSISTANT OFFICERS—Appointed

M. Ex. Comp. Bruce H. Smith	Grand Lecturer
169 Dufferin Ave., Belleville, Ontario.	
V. Ex. Comp. Peter Ramage	Asst. Grand Chaplain
Durham, Ontario.	
V. Ex. Comp. James N. Allan	Grand Sr. Sojourner
Box 910, Dunnville, Ont.	
V. Ex. Comp. H. R. Marriott	Grand Jr. Sojourner
216 Kathleen Ave., Sarnia, Ontario.	
V. Ex. Comp. J. E. Solomon	Grand Sword Bearer
Brighton, Ontario.	
V. Ex. Comp. George Kiloh	Grand Master 4th Veil
67 Waddell St., Stratford, Ontario.	
V. Ex. Comp. Lorne Brumm	Grand Master 3rd Veil
R.R. #6, Pembroke, Ontario.	
V. Ex. Comp. Charles S. Feasby	Grand Master 2nd Veil
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V. Ex. Comp. John Joseph Weber	Grand Master 1st Veil
179 Graham St., Woodstock, Ontario.	
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47 Armstrong Ave., Toronto 4, Ontario.	
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V. Ex. Comp. William Whitney	Grand Steward
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V. Ex. Comp. James Emerson Stitt	Grand Steward
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V. Ex. Comp. Clarence Charles Merkel	Grand Steward
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V. Ex. Comp. William Henry Smith (Posthumously)	Grand Steward
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V. Ex. Comp. Samuel Doney Leonard	Grand Steward
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V. Ex. Comp. Harold Sayles	Grand Steward
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GRAND Z.'S INAUGURAL ADDRESS

Most Excellent Sirs, Most Worshipful Sir, Distinguished Guests and my Companions:

It is with great humility that I stand before you on this particular occasion, and my heart is very full. I am very cognizant of the responsibilities that lie before me as your Grand First Principal, and very much aware of the problems confronting us, but we are men of God, and those problems will be overcome, if we accept them as our responsibility, and ask for his guidance.

I have done considerable reading, and studying these last few weeks, and the challenges that lie before us are not new, nor are they particularly exclusive to our Time Honoured Institution.

Many organizations are experiencing the same basic difficulties we are having, but we have three strong factors in our favour . . . three positive factors which if used in their fullest sense can only result in achievement.

These factors are:

- 1) COURAGE
- 2) DETERMINATION
- 3) ENTHUSIASM

Courage—To keep our spirits high in the face of all difficulties.

Determination—To keep trying time, and time again until the persistent mental decision of firmness permeates our whole being and sets us so firmly in our purpose that nothing can make us swerve from our course.

Enthusiasm—The word itself has a good sound, it rouses us from our lethargy, and lethargic we have certainly become! We need the Zeal . . . the Fire . . . the dedication that true enthusiasm brings. Enthusiasm alone can revitalize our whole institution. It can place us in the proper perspective to enable us to find our real destiny . . . our true purpose. It is my duty, and responsibility, through kindness in placing me in this office, to give you the best leadership I possibly can during my term of office . . . and this I intend to do, with the blessing, and the divine help of the Great Jehovah.

You also have a responsibility, and it is a responsibility shared in equal measure with every member of the Royal Craft. This responsibility is to reverse the downward trend in our membership, and I challenge every member of this Great Fraternity to a rededication of purpose . . . a rededication of principle . . . a rededication to achieve this important objective. If each companion would undertake to introduce two new members to our Royal Craft this year it would indeed change our whole course.

There is, you agree, the other area of membership for consideration . . . I speak of the elimination of demits, and suspensions. Our membership losses each year, in this area are far too high. It is the prime responsibility of the First Principal of each Chapter to take positive action to avoid demits, and suspensions.

We have in our Grand Chapter many companions of great ability, and I call upon them now, to rededicate themselves in a spirit of fraternal cooperation, to assist your council in its deliberations. We sometimes suffer from a lack of communication. Programs have been undertaken in the past, for the purpose of assisting each Constituent Chapter, many Chapters have never once called upon our committees for assistance.

We have in our organization a Masonic Instruction Committee, whose purpose is to work with the individual Chapters, and the District Supt., to help you . . . right in your own Chapter.

We have a Grand Lecturer who is a student of the Royal Craft, and who would welcome a chance to be of assistance. We have a Masonic Education Committee formed for your help, and guidance. We have a committee on Public Relations to help you get publicity for special events. To assist you in the know how of getting information into the Chapters in your District regarding special programs you may be undertaking.

There are other committees too, all set up to help each Chapter right at the grass roots. Make a note of these things companions, and when you return to your own Chapters discuss how these committees can help you.

There is, however, one committee that needs your support. If we are to make it grow and become a real factor, we need help . . . your help, with special projects designed to interest, and enthuse the members of your Chapter. To give them something to work for, something to start a team spirit moving.

This committee is the Scholarship and Bursary committee. In a sense our special projects committee, and what a wonderful piece of work this committee has done. It is probably over simplification when I say "a tremendous job".

Let us use these committees this year companions and see what new interest we can stir up within our own Chapters. Before closing, I would like to say a personal word of thanks, and appreciation to our Immediate Past Grand First Principal, James E. Girven. He has set an outstanding example of the courage, determination and enthusiasm we talked about earlier. Although stricken with a critical illness at a most unfortunate time, he has determinedly fought back to good health, and is again actively showing us real leadership. All our prayers have been answered by his recovery.

I have had much pleasure in working with our new Grand Second Principal, these last two years, and will look forward to even closer ties with him, and with our newly installed Grand Third Principal.

The volume of the sacred law tells us of the accomplishments possible, if we have faith. Let us then, as Royal Arch Masons exhibit that faith to its fullest extent, let us expect achievements . . . attainment of our goals, and then go forth, and work in faith to accomplish them.

STANLEY PORTCH, Grand Z.

The labors of the Annual Convocation being ended, Grand Chapter was closed in Ample Form at 2:15 p.m., Toronto, Ontario, Wednesday, April 26, 1967.



Robert John Hamilton

Grand Scribe E.

Monday evening, April 24, 1967, the Grand Z., M. Ex. Comp. James E. Girven, invited his Council, P.G.Z.'s and Executive Committee to a dinner in the Tudor Room, Royal York Hotel, Toronto, to assist him in doing honors to his distinguished guests. At the same time Mrs. J. E. Girven and her committee entertained the wives and ladies of our distinguished guests with a dinner, etc., in the Algonquin Room, Royal York Hotel, Toronto.

Tuesday evening, April 25, 1967, the annual banquet was held in the Concert Hall of the Royal York Hotel, approximately 525 Companions and their ladies being present, under the chairmanship of our Grand Z., and he again provided a most interesting program.

The guest speaker was the Hon. Donald M. Fleming, P.C., Q.C., who gave a most inspiring address on Canada's Centennial and the history of Canada. The evening was brought to a close by selections by the St. Jude's Boys' Choir of Oakville.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE—President

R. Ex. Comp. G. Harold Shannon	Grand H.
(By Virtue of Office)	
M. Ex. Comp. Stanley Portch	Grand Z.

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EDUCATION

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M. Ex. Comp. J. E. Girven (Chairman), R. Ex. Comps. G. H. Shannon, G. E. Turner.

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1.	Ancient Frontenac		3rd Fri.	H. C. Babcock	R. H. Seymour	259	9	1	—	3	—	8	258	77	10	
2.	and Cataract, Kingston		4th Fri.	Bertram Bagaley	E. M. Marshall	181	6	1	—	1	—	7	177	38	7	
3.	St. Hiram, Hamilton		4th Wed.	Wm. A. Legg	Chas. G. Smuck	177	1	—	—	3	—	3	172	33	1	
4.	St. John's, London															
5.	St. John's, Toronto		1st Mon.	George F. Long	Keith Bellamy	143	1	2	—	—	2	5	139	31	3	7
6.	St. George's, London		4th Fri.	Roy Vincent West	J. A. Kennedy	241	5	1	—	1	3	7	236	92	6	11
7.	St. John's, Hamilton		2nd Thurs.	George E. Oswald	Fred Scott	150	3	1	—	2	—	4	148	27	4	6
8.	The Moira, Belleville		1st Tues.	W. A. Dempsey	S. H. Lennox	216	8	—	—	1	—	4	219	19	8	5
9.	King Solomon's, Toronto		4th Thurs.	E. J. Barbour	A. M. Otis	279	6	2	—	1	—	7	279	53	8	8
10.	Wanwanosh, Sarnia		2nd Fri.	W. H. Prior	H. R. Marriott	171	7	1	—	1	4	3	171	18	8	8
11.	Carlton, Ottawa		3rd Wed.	Paul Naish	S. Gilmour	520	12	4	—	2	2	12	520	50	16	16
12.	Oxford, Woodstock		4th Fri.	E. H. Harper	W. H. Hall	189	8	—	—	2	—	3	192	18	8	5
13.	Mount Moriah, St.															
14.	Catharines		2nd Fri.	William Rudge	A. Omer	225	4	2	—	3	3	4	221	9	6	10
15.	Mount Horeb, Brantford		3rd Thurs.	A. W. Cox	R. W. E. McFadden	123	—	—	1	1	1	4	114	4	1	10
16.	Grenville, Prescott		2nd Tues.	J. A. Kelso	G. R. Drummond	83	—	—	—	1	—	3	79	4	—	4
17.	Exra, Simcoe		2nd Thurs.	J. H. Johnston	W. J. Thompson	155	4	—	—	3	—	6	150	23	4	9
18.	Tecumseh, Stratford		4th Fri.	W. H. Capper	G. S. Atkins	230	14	—	—	6	4	10	224	21	14	20
19.	St. Mark's, Trenton		3rd Tues.	George Little	G. Thompson	140	4	—	—	1	—	5	138	21	14	20
20.	Manitou, Collingwood		4th Wed.	Thomas Borthwick	B. M. Conron	130	1	—	—	—	—	6	125	19	1	6
21.	Pentalpha, Oshawa		1st Tues.	E. R. Flutter	A. G. Coppin	242	13	—	—	—	—	7	244	26	14	12
22.	McCallum, Dunnville		3rd Mon.	Walter Coughell	F. R. Martin	104	1	—	1	4	1	3	100	3	1	5
23.	Huron, Goderich		3rd Tues.	Earl Elliott	M. W. Cox	139	2	—	—	2	—	6	135	8	2	6
24.	Prince Edward, Picton		3rd Mon.	Frank Dulmage	F. R. Greatrix, Jr.	181	3	—	—	1	1	4	178	4	3	6
25.	Waterloo, Galt		4th Thurs.	D. L. Attridge	G. J. Johnson	161	4	—	—	1	1	2	163	9	4	2
26.	Signet, Barrie		2nd Tues.	J. F. Coulter	J. M. Lindsay	132	4	1	1	2	4	4	128	32	6	10
27.	Keystone, Whitby		2nd Mon.	J. D. Howard	W. P. Price	79	2	—	—	1	1	3	77	3	2	4
28.	Corinthian, Peterborough		4th Wed.	John Myall	D. Miller	386	13	—	—	4	1	9	386	21	13	13
29.	Victoria, Port Hope		1st Wed.	W. H. Rowden	C. P. McElroy	124	2	—	—	5	1	2	118	20	2	8
30.	Guelph, Guelph		2nd Fri.	B. R. Mullinex	W. H. Quant	182	4	—	—	4	—	7	175	24	4	11
31.	Harris, Ingersoll		4th Mon.	Wm. C. E. Irwin	Gerald M. Cole	100	3	—	—	2	—	6	95	6	3	8
32.	Mount Sinai, Nananee		3rd Wed.	H. H. Taylor	F. K. Hill	116	5	1	—	—	—	3	119	7	6	3
33.	Excelsior, Colborne		1st Fri.	Edward Mulhall	R. Chapman	49	4	—	—	—	3	—	50	—	4	3
34.	St. James, St. Marys		2nd Mon.	E. Barber	Geo. W. Muma	81	2	—	—	2	—	2	79	15	4	2

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47.	Wellington, Chatham		2nd Thurs.	Wm. A. Evans	D. Paulucci	111	4	—	—	—	—	—	110	5	4	5
48.	St. John's, Cobourg		4th Tues.	W. F. Davis	H. W. Niles	85	2	—	—	3	4	3	77	3	2	10
53.	Bruce, Petrolia		3rd Wed.	Elvin McCallum	R. M. Story	63	2	—	—	—	—	—	64	5	2	1
54.	Palestine, St. Thomas		2nd Thurs.	H. J. Sims	K. S. Woodward	256	3	—	—	—	—	6	253	57	2	6
55.	Niagara, Niagara-on-the-Lake		1st Fri.	Stuart Knox	E. W. Aldridge	76	1	—	—	4	—	1	72	1	1	5
56.	Georgian, Owen Sound		3rd Tues.	C. H. Hunsberger	J. A. McMeekin	94	4	—	—	—	—	3	95	15	4	3
57.	King Hiram, Port Colborne		1st Thurs.	W. Cooper	L. L. Doan	117	5	—	—	1	3	1	117	7	5	5
59.	Sussex-St. Lawrence, Brockville		1st Mon.	R. H. Miller	J. G. Ruston	280	6	—	—	2	1	6	277	38	6	9
61.	Granite, Almonte		2nd Thurs.	J. K. King	J. H. McLaughlan	88	2	—	—	—	—	3	87	2	2	3
63.	York, Toronto		2nd Fri.	E. Wm. Brooks	J. S. Shield	129	4	1	—	1	—	3	132	20	5	2
64.	Havelock, Kincardine		3rd Wed.	B. MacKinnon	H. J. Norman	86	2	—	—	—	—	2	85	3	2	3
64.	Willson, Welland		1st Wed.	G. K. Brown	J. C. L. McKeand	106	—	—	—	2	—	2	102	2	—	4
65.	St. Paul's, Toronto		2nd Thurs.	C. E. Davis	Alfred Olley	78	—	—	—	4	1	2	71	9	—	7
66.	The Malloch, Seaforth		3rd Mon.	David McLean	A. Corby	68	4	—	—	2	—	1	68	2	2	4
67.	Enterprise, Palmerston		2nd Tues.	F. A. Inch	L. E. Morphy	78	3	—	—	4	—	2	80	2	3	1
68.	Maitland, Kemptville		2nd Thurs.	Lorne Dool	G. J. Purcell	91	3	—	—	2	—	1	90	3	3	4
69.	Grimsby, Grimsby		1st Mon.	H. H. Little	W. Fairbrother	76	2	—	—	1	1	5	71	3	2	7
71.	Prince of Wales, Essex		2nd Thurs.	F. S. Welch	R. C. Brushett	130	—	—	—	—	—	1	129	6	—	1
72.	Keystone, Stirling		1st Thurs.	A. R. Mallory	J. L. Good	74	5	—	—	—	—	2	77	4	5	2
73.	Erie, Ridgeway		3rd Mon.	Alex Dick	S. E. Stevenson	101	4	—	—	—	—	1	104	7	4	1
74.	Beaver, Stratroy		1st Mon.	W. L. Fleming	A. W. Holt	92	1	—	—	—	—	3	90	18	1	3
75.	St. Clair, Milton		3rd Thurs.	Andrew Woodley	Colin Smilie	100	8	—	—	2	1	5	93	2	8	8
76.	Mount Nebo, Niagara Falls		3rd Fri.	Robert Wetherell	R. G. Johnston	93	3	—	—	2	1	1	99	36	3	4
77.	Occident, Toronto		2nd Fri.	Jack Wakeford	J. T. Henderson	239	1	—	—	5	7	2	226	52	1	14
78.	Minnewawa, Parkhill		3rd Mon.	R. Vandermere	C. J. Fox	107	4	—	—	1	—	2	108	4	4	3
79.	Orient, Toronto		4th Wed.	A. I. Cook	C. J. R. Moxon	96	1	—	—	2	1	2	88	11	2	10
80.	Ark, Windsor		1st Mon.	Dr. R. E. Anderson	C. W. Flett	264	9	1	—	3	3	11	257	78	10	17
81.	Aylmer, Aylmer		1st Thurs.	Michael Mechas	L. A. Matlack	91	3	—	—	2	1	—	91	11	3	3
82.	Shuniah, Port Arthur		3rd Wed.	I. P. Costello	W. H. Cheetham	217	8	—	—	2	3	8	212	16	8	13
83.	Ionic, Orangeville		4th Tues.	W. L. Hill	H. J. Reeve	85	3	—	—	3	—	—	85	2	3	3
84.	Lebanon, Wingham		3rd Tues.	John Blackwell	A. J. H. MacDonald	87	—	—	—	—	5	—	77	10	—	10
88.	MacNabb, Dresden		4th Tues.	Thomas Whitson	H. M. Dunlop	89	1	—	—	2	—	3	85	1	1	5
90.	Golden, Kenora		4th Wed.	F. O. Alcock	H. C. Smiley	163	9	2	—	4	5	1	164	8	11	10

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91.	Toronto-Antiquity	Toronto	3rd Mon.	H. W. Powell	A. Geary	142	10	—	—	2	1	9	140	23	10	12
94.	Midland, Lindsay		3rd Thurs.	Ken Johnson	Ivan Brown	93	2	1	—	—	—	9	94	18	3	2
95.	Tuscan, Sudbury		2nd Tues.	J. D. McPhail	P. A. Coates	360	9	1	1	4	1	6	360	20	11	11
102.	Algonquin, Sault Ste. Marie		2nd Fri.	E. E. McWilliams	E. C. Price	257	4	—	—	3	2	7	249	17	4	12
103.	St. John's North Bay		1st Thurs.	R. G. Theyers	W. L. Brown	151	1	1	—	—	—	4	149	21	2	4
104.	White Oak, Oakville		2nd Tues.	Donald Sutherland	E. A. Wood	122	5	—	—	4	1	1	118	3	5	9
110.	Warkworth, Warkworth		2nd Wed.	Stanley Cobourn	W. G. Taylor	53	3	—	—	—	—	1	55	—	3	1
112.	St. John's, Morrisburg		3rd Mon.	G. W. Thom	L. D. Barkley	108	—	—	1	1	—	4	108	6	1	1
113.	Covenant, Cornwall		3rd Wed.	T. A. Irwin	R. A. Young	229	13	2	—	4	—	4	236	22	15	8
114.	Bonnechere, Renfrew		3rd Mon.	John Bailey	H. Young	109	3	—	—	2	—	4	106	6	3	6
115.	Brant, Paris		3rd Mon.	Claude Spicer	H. J. Broughton	109	—	—	—	1	—	4	104	12	—	5
116.	Maple, Carleton Place		1st Wed.	A. J. Dickie	M. P. Morris	101	1	1	—	1	—	4	98	16	2	5
117.	Kitchener, Kitchener		1st Thurs.	T. C. Boon	H. W. Rothaermel	165	3	1	—	3	—	6	160	10	4	9
119.	King Cyrus, Leamington		2nd Wed.	William Marriott	Donald Robinson	158	1	—	—	—	2	4	153	21	1	6
129.	Elliot, Mitchell		1st Tues.	K. E. Scott	E. J. Hingst	36	—	—	—	—	—	1	85	5	—	1
130.	Chantry, Southampton		1st Tues.	Lorne Evans	E. H. Gorrell	55	3	—	—	—	—	4	54	4	3	4
131.	Amabel, Wiaraton		Last Tues.	Harvey Bellmore	Orville Greig	99	2	—	—	—	—	1	100	3	2	1
132.	Leeds, Gananoque		4th Tues.	K. S. Johnston	A. L. Wheeler	102	—	—	—	2	—	3	97	7	—	5
133.	St. Francis, Smiths Falls		3rd Thurs.	G. H. Patterson	C. A. Bailey	189	14	—	—	—	1	4	198	2	14	5
134.	King Darius, Cannington		3rd Wed.	A. C. Smith	L. G. Parliament	60	1	—	—	1	—	1	60	—	2	1
135.	Succoth, Uxbridge		2nd Thurs.	C. C. Putterbough	H. V. Watson	64	1	1	—	—	—	1	64	5	2	2
138.	Shekinah, Toronto		2nd Tues.	M. Van Wamelen	P. James	308	18	2	—	5	6	7	311	42	20	17
140.	Fort William, Fort William		1st Mon.	F. R. M. Page	W. S. Shaver	143	16	1	—	1	—	3	152	4	17	8
143.	Glengarry, Maxville		4th Mon.	N. M. MacLeod	R. F. McRae	62	4	—	—	—	—	3	63	2	4	3
144.	Presqu'ile, Brighton		3rd Tues.	Ralph Bell	F. Gibbons	51	2	—	—	—	—	2	48	2	2	5
145.	The St. Patrick, Thornhill		3rd Tues.	S. B. Hills	R. L. Carr	285	5	3	2	13	12	12	258	102	10	37
146.	Bernard, Listowel		1st Tues.	R. W. Zurbrigg	W. H. Sargent	110	2	—	—	—	—	5	107	3	2	5
147.	Lucknow, Lucknow		2nd Tues.	G. W. Evans	G. Montgomery	77	2	—	—	2	—	2	76	—	2	3
148.	St. John's, Vankleek Hill		4th Thurs.	Lewis Mooney	I. G. Harcourt	83	1	2	1	2	6	2	77	—	4	10
149.	Atwood, Rainy River		2nd Thurs.	J. E. Laevens	W. B. Warner	45	—	—	—	—	—	4	45	1	—	—
150.	London, London		3rd Tues.	E. S. P. Cardon	Bloss E. Doupe	156	1	—	—	1	—	—	152	49	1	5
151.	Laurentian, Pembroke		3rd Thurs.	C. A. Breakey	F. A. D. Mulcahy	186	12	—	—	6	—	2	188	2	12	10
152.	Alberton, Fort Frances		2nd Tues.	W. A. McQuaker	D. C. Baldwin	157	3	1	—	1	2	2	156	4	4	5
153.	Sombra, Wallaceburg		1st Mon.	Thomas Kenny	J. Walton	94	—	—	—	1	1	—	92	2	—	2
155.	Ancaster, Ancaster		3rd Tues.	LaVern Betzner	G. Penny	85	2	—	—	3	—	—	84	1	—	3

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161.	Madoc, Madoc		4th Mon.	Wm. Derry	D. Kernohan	129	1	—	—	1	1	2	126	9	1	4
163.	The Beaches, Toronto		4th Thurs.	F. S. Dickens	D. C. Armstrong	56	—	—	—	3	4	3	86	14	—	10
164.	Lorne, West Lorne		3rd Wed.	Wm. Melynk	C. L. Shaw	76	2	—	—	3	—	2	73	2	2	5
167.	Kichikewana, Midland		2nd Mon.	Clifford Laughlin	F. E. Whiteman	141	3	2	—	—	—	7	139	16	5	7
168.	Ionic, Campbellford		3rd Mon.	P. C. Wilmlnk	F. W. Long	139	1	1	—	—	3	3	135	35	2	6
169.	Temiskaming, New Liskeard															
175.	The Hamilton, Hamilton		2nd Thurs.	C. Whalen	Donald Boyd	80	2	—	1	1	—	4	78	8	3	5
184.	Hugh Murray, Fort Erie		3rd Tues.	T. H. Ralph	M. Barnhoorn	107	2	—	—	—	—	1	108	10	—	1
185.	Peel, Brampton		2nd Tues.	W. B. Watson	W. Rostron	98	3	—	—	—	1	4	96	—	3	5
198.	Couchiching, Orillia		1st Tues.	Wm. Sproule	Fred Kline	153	6	1	—	4	1	5	150	12	7	10
205.	Victoria, Thornhill		2nd Fri.	R. L. Mainman	D. J. Cossey	148	3	2	1	5	—	1	148	7	6	5
210.	Kitchener, Russell		1st Wed.	Cecil Smith	G. J. Hall	127	4	—	—	2	1	2	126	9	4	5
212.	Mount Sinai, Toronto		1st Tues.	Kenneth Campbell	W. Stanley	90	1	—	—	6	9	2	87	18	11	21
213.	Northern Lights, Timmins		1st Wed.	Michael Sandler	A. Fox	434	11	—	—	—	6	6	424	7	11	21
214.	Vimy, Inwood		3rd Wed.	G. Miller	R. F. Dewar	133	1	2	—	5	—	3	125	27	3	8
215.	Mimico, Toronto		2nd Mon.	Park Cameron	K. F. Cameron	64	5	—	—	—	1	3	65	10	5	4
217.	St. Albans, Toronto		1st Wed.	Roy Yunker	A. E. Hunt	146	19	2	—	13	2	4	148	14	21	19
218.	Prince Edward, Shelburne		4th Fri.	H. E. Evans	W. J. Webber	123	5	—	—	2	—	—	122	12	5	6
219.	Uister, Toronto		2nd Thurs.	N. MacFupling	Alex. Mawdsley	55	—	—	—	1	—	—	54	—	—	—
220.	Lebanon, Lambton Mills		4th Fri.	Jack Crawford	Charles Bryson	82	5	—	13	5	7	3	85	4	18	15
221.	Durham, Durham		3rd Wed.	Alex Grant	W. M. Crech	120	8	—	—	1	—	3	124	—	8	4
222.	Ottawa, Ottawa		3rd Tues.	Donald Hopkins	J. N. Edwards	52	6	—	—	—	—	1	57	7	6	1
223.	Abitibi, Iroquois Falls		2nd Thurs.	W. R. Rowsome	W. E. Tuck	312	9	1	1	4	4	7	308	34	11	15
224.	Keystone, Hamilton		Last Wed.	L. H. Cutton	H. A. Jones	68	1	—	—	—	—	—	69	—	—	—
225.	Beaver, Toronto		1st Mon.	C. E. Bird	J. H. Williams	105	2	—	—	3	3	1	100	13	2	7
226.	Prince of Wales, Perth		2nd Wed.	Wm. D. Sturch	J. T. Wallace	88	4	1	1	—	5	3	86	2	6	8
227.	Quinte Friendship, Belleville		3rd Thurs.	J. A. Jordan	L. V. Wood	139	4	—	1	—	3	6	141	—	5	3
230.	Port Credit, Port Credit		2nd Mon.	Wm. Stewart	M. Barlow	260	9	4	—	—	2	2	265	29	13	3
231.	The St. Clair, Toronto		4th Tues.	N. J. Horrozey	J. W. Arnold	95	4	1	—	4	—	4	92	2	5	8
232.	King Cyrus, Toronto		2nd Thurs.	J. C. Crockatt	A. W. Johnson	178	7	—	—	—	2	3	180	17	2	5
233.	Oakwood, Toronto		3rd Wed.	A. S. Currie	W. D. Harrison	95	2	—	—	2	—	2	93	5	2	4
234.	Halton, Georgetown		3rd Tues.	Wm. Oldham	J. Wood	85	9	2	—	1	1	—	94	3	11	2
235.	Aurora, Aurora		4th Mon.	D. V. Latimer	J. Advv	119	2	—	1	2	1	4	115	2	7	3
				J. V. O'Connor	E. J. Eveleigh	105	7	—	—	1	—	2	109	6	7	3

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236.	Caledonia, Caledonia		4th Thurs.	Edmund Burke	E. C. Reid	80	—	—	—	1	1	1	77	1	—	3
238.	The St. Andrew, London		4th Thurs.	V. L. Hopwood	A. V. Sedgwick	183	2	—	—	4	—	3	178	32	2	7
239.	Blenheim, Blenheim		1st Wed.	E. A. Stewart	D. Payne	85	2	—	—	—	—	—	87	4	2	—
240.	Smithville, Smithville		4th Mon.	T. A. Richards	R. L. Jackson	36	2	—	—	—	—	—	36	—	2	2
241.	University, Thornhill		1st Tues.	D. F. Johnston	E. Pickles	92	4	—	—	—	—	2	92	18	4	7
242.	St. Paul's, Lambeth		1st Tues.	Wm. Chalcroft	C. L. Philip	69	2	—	—	3	2	2	64	2	2	7
243.	McKay, Stoney Creek		2nd Wed.	F. W. Checkley	G. E. Hyland	68	2	—	—	1	—	2	67	4	2	3
245.	Preston, Preston		4th Tues.	K. A. Braby	B. J. Ferrier	65	1	1	—	2	1	—	64	5	2	3
246.	Humber, Weston		3rd Fri.	G. J. Campbell	J. Carmichael	163	8	2	—	3	4	3	163	19	10	10
247.	Nilestown, Nilestown		3rd Thurs.	J. F. Blackwell	G. M. Kirkpatrick	149	5	—	1	2	—	2	151	3	6	4
248.	Dochert, Arnprior		1st Mon.	Dennis Jump	G. R. Clarke	36	7	—	—	—	—	1	42	—	7	1
249.	Palestine, Bowmanville		3rd Mon.	J. R. Abernethy	H. G. Freeman	91	3	—	—	—	—	3	91	3	3	3
250.	Thomas Peters, Windsor		2nd Wed.	A. A. Leal	W. Hockney	258	15	—	—	4	—	6	263	113	15	10
251.	Kirkland, Kirkland Lake		4th Wed.	W. I. Ross	H. R. Scott	128	5	—	—	3	—	4	126	10	5	7
252.	Hiawatha, Sarnia		1st Mon.	Frank Brooks	T. W. Huggins	171	18	—	—	5	1	4	179	38	18	10
253.	Regal, Port Dover		2nd Wed.	A. W. Smith	E. S. Ford	90	2	—	—	1	—	3	88	5	2	4
254.	Golden Star, Dryden		3rd Mon.	G. E. Melander	R. G. Amos	164	5	—	—	—	—	1	168	1	5	1
255.	Tilsonburg, Tilsonburg		3rd Tues.	W. R. Lounsbury	C. Swaridge	113	3	—	—	1	5	1	109	5	3	7
257.	Espanola, Espanola		3rd Tues.	W. R. Cameron	N. C. Somerville	97	2	1	—	1	1	1	98	2	3	2
258.	Tyrian, Stouffville		1st Thurs.	W. Smalley	E. F. Short	36	4	2	—	—	—	—	42	—	6	—
259.	Quetico, Atikokan		2nd Mon.	W. J. Crookshanks	L. J. O. Sundin	47	5	—	—	2	—	1	49	5	5	3
260.	Centennial, Streetsville		4th Mon.	Leonard Stroud	A. R. McDougall	55	4	—	—	—	—	—	59	5	4	—
261.	Segin, Parry Sound		1st Wed.	John Hodgson	J. E. Simms	41	2	—	—	1	—	1	41	—	2	2
262.	King David, Burlington		4th Mon.	George Batten	J. E. Richardson	52	2	2	—	—	1	1	54	1	4	2
263.	Scarborough		1st Tues.	T. G. Colby	H. C. May	137	14	—	—	3	4	2	143	—	14	9

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CAPITULAR REVIEW

Annual Review of the Proceedings of Other Grand Chapters

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

It is again my honor and privilege to present to Grand Chapter a Review of the Proceedings received from sister grand jurisdictions with whom our Grand Chapter is in fraternal relationship.

A study thereof will, I believe, establish that while it is time consuming and demands painstaking endeavour, yet it has many compensations, but again, disappointments. Compensation in the knowledge one gains in the opinions and thought provoking expressions voiced by great leaders of the Royal Craft in so many of the Grand Jurisdictions scattered throughout the great Masonic world, but still disappointing because of the lethargic interest evident in so many jurisdictions which has brought about an alarming lessening of membership. Nevertheless, I am convinced that, because of the devotion of many who have been great leaders in their respective jurisdictions, there will, in due course, be an upsurge in all fields of Masonic endeavours, and particularly the Royal Craft, which all seem to agree is a most integral part of the Masonic family.

However, may I say that, in my respectful judgment, at no time within the history of the great institution of Royal Arch Masonry has there existed a greater challenge at all levels of the institution. This observation is borne out in fact by the majority of leaders of the Royal Craft, particularly in the North American Continent and, consequently, it is perhaps proper, and indeed necessary, that I quote opinions expressed by some leaders in their respective jurisdictions.

For instance, the Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of Alberta states:

"This loss of membership in Royal Arch Masonry can, in most cases, be laid at our door. How can we bring them back and why have they left? I think the problem is that we do not provide the stimulant they are looking for. A lack of dignity and solemnity in our work may be the very reason why many of our candidates, after receiving what we have to offer, stay away from our meetings. Dignity and solemnity of ceremony are as important to degree work as the Ritual itself. . . ."

The Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts had this to say:

"The empty seats in our Masonic Bodies during our meetings should be of great concern to all officers and leaders of the Craft. Is the small attendance and lack of interest on the part of so great a majority of our members due to any fault on the part of ourselves as leaders? Have we failed, because of our lack of preparation, to properly interpret the lessons of Masonry to our candidates, during the degree? Have we failed to impress our candidates, because we have not been fully impressed ourselves, with the beauty and grandeur of the lessons we are supposed to teach? Have we failed to impress on the hearts and minds of our candidates the dignity and high importance of our Craft, because we are more interested in the worldly things of life ourselves? Have we failed in our efforts to teach the candidate brotherly love and charity, because of our failure to exemplify out of the Chapter Room those ideals and principles which we are taught in it? These are merely questions. We leave it to the individual Companion to find the answers for himself."

The Grand High Priest of Missouri stated:

"The biggest problem any chapter has to face is lack of interest. The only answer to this problem is LEADERSHIP and I repeat again as was so ably stated by President Abraham Lincoln, 'Leaders create themselves.'

"Suspension for non-payment of dues still continues as the major cause of our loss of membership. The Grand Chapter urges the active enforcement of Sec. 188 of the Grand Chapter By-Laws as a means of reducing this loss. If the officers of a Chapter show an active interest in the members and interesting meetings are planned and held much of this loss can be reduced. . . .

"Five basic qualities of leadership are:

1. Courage: The basis of all virtues.
2. Will-Power. To overcome objections from those who feel they are protecting your best interests.
3. Flexibility of Mind. Courage and Will-Power can be dangerous without flexibility of mind.
4. Knowledge. Enough knowledge of how the job should be done and how to do it.
5. Integrity. The thing that makes people trust you.

For the Mason the sixth basic quality for a leader is Humility before God and our fellow man."

The Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas had this to say:

"Now we must, in our Fraternity today, if we are to survive and justify the place we occupy, we must in some manner or other rekindle in our hearts and in our minds an enthusiasm for the things that we have cherished down through the years. We must not be afraid to take a stand, and we must not hesitate to say what we stand for, and if we do that we will regenerate in our minds and thoughts and conscious a new enthusiasm for these things that have made us great, we are not going to need any membership campaigns, because this enthusiasm and once this rededication permeates our Organizations, we are going to have a resurgence of interest in our Fraternity such as the world has never known."

And finally, the Grand Master of Masons in Virginia, in an address given to the 158th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in the Commonwealth of Virginia, made this thought provoking observation:

"Our first allegiance is to Symbolic Masonry, and this is a truism that all Bodies should remember remains paramount. The Grand Master is, and rightfully so, the Master of all Masons within a given jurisdiction, and his authority is supreme. Yet this does not prohibit all Bodies in the right direction from working side by side so long as the motives are in consideration for the welfare of the total institution. I fear that far too many who have taken membership in the so-called higher bodies have forgotten their allegiance to the Symbolic Lodge and no longer offer their leadership to the Lodge in which they hold their membership, thereby losing their influence for the benefit of all concerned. We must never attempt to change Freemasonry but strive to change ourselves by Freemasonry.

"I am wholeheartedly in favor of the brethren of the Symbolic Lodge furthering their Masonic knowledge by receiving the degrees in the other Bodies, but I do think that he should not be diverted from learning the basic meanings of Blue Lodge Masonry until he has had

ample opportunity to do so. One who has been exposed to the real truths of Freemasonry will not conduct himself in any manner that would detract from his membership in the other Bodies. Masonry's modern mission is the teaching of character and morality, the making of good men better. This applies to any Masonic organization or organization composed of Masons."

In view of the foregoing, the question naturally arises: Does there exist in our Grand Jurisdiction a situation which should bring forth similar observations? I am constrained to say that my experience has taught me that there is reason for grave concern in that the reports I have studied indicate a continuing loss of membership, lessening attendance, and a dearth of officer material.

It must be agreed that there are many stalwarts in the Royal Craft whose service of devotion and dedication down through the years has gained for them the admiration and affectionate regard of their Companions, but I believe the individual Companion needs to catch the fire of their enthusiasm and, above all, to recognize an individual responsibility to his Chapter and the Royal Craft generally, and thus force his God-given talents into some form of practical demonstration, so that his Chapter and Royal Arch Masonry in general may be the beneficiaries thereof, but perhaps what is more important is that he is able to set a pattern which his Companions will enthusiastically emulate.

This, to your Reviewer, seems to be the only answer to all the perplexing problems which obviously beset our Grand Chapter, and therefore the only question which is unresolved is: Will we meet the challenge as we should?

Respectfully and fraternally submitted.

MAURICE A. SEARLE,
Past Grand Z. and Reviewer.

Alberta

The 52nd Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta was held at Calgary, on May 14, 1966.

Chapters 32; membership December 31, 1965—3,779; net loss 46.

Grand First Principal: M. Ex. Comp., W. B. Ruff.

Grand Scribe E: M. Ex. Comp. F. J. Hand.

The Grand First Principal in his address stated, in part:

"During my term of office I felt that a prior meeting of the Executive Committee would be helpful, and in accordance with section 37 of the Constitution, I called a meeting in Calgary on March 5th. The Chairman of each Committee was invited and many subjects were brought forward for the good of Capitular Masonry. I feel that such prior meetings go a long way to assist your Grand Chapter in resolving any problems which may come up and are not delved into at the final meeting of the Committee the night before the Grand Convocation."

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"In conclusion, I would be remiss if I did not bring to your attention the grave problem which we face . . . namely, the continued loss of members. The number of Exaltations and Affiliations during the year, I regret to say, show a marked decrease as compared to 1963 and 1964, while suspensions and demissions and deaths continue to spiral. The total decrease for the year amounted to 178 members, and of this figure 29% were demitted, 27% were suspended, and 42% were lost through death. Our total increase for the year was 132 members, making a total decrease for the year of 46 members. Death continues to take the greatest toll, but suspensions and demissions continue to rise each

year. While mortality is something we have no control over, the other losses are a problem which remain in our realm, and one that requires the utmost effort to stem . . .

"This loss of membership in Royal Arch Masonry can, in most cases, be laid at our door. How can we bring them back and why have they left? I think the problem is that we do not provide the stimulant they are looking for. A lack of dignity and solemnity in our work may be the very reason why many of our candidates, after receiving what we have to offer, stay away from our meetings. Dignity and solemnity of ceremony are as important to degree work as the Ritual itself. Let us never forget that our Candidates are impressed only to the extent that our degree teams are impressive in their interpretation of the Ritual. What you give them is your interpretation: they have none of their own. Too many of our degree teams seem to think that memorizing the Ritual is enough to adequately confer the degree. This is not sufficient and certainly our candidates are entitled to more. Dignity and solemnity should be the goal of all ritualists and this should come from the heart. The ritualist knows the story in his heart, and therefore, he can talk with all sincerity and absolute feeling for it. Whether we like it or not, or do not wish to admit it, we are just a stepping stone, something that seems to be vitally necessary to advance along the road to Masonry. The truth of the matter is that they have received practically no light from us. They have heard a jumble of words which they were required to listen to. If we wish our candidates to become active Capitular Masons, we must so impress them with the dignity of our work and the solemnity that they will want to impress others just as we impressed them. We may be assured that sloppy degree work makes candidates eligible for further degrees, but we can also be assured that we cannot make any of them worthy Companions in our Craft."

Elections—

Grand First Principal: M. Ex. Comp. H. J. McCoy.

Grand Scribe E: M. Ex. Comp. F. J. Hand.

Arizona

The 75th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Arizona was held at Phoenix, on October 26, 1965.

Chapters 16; membership December 31, 1964—2,029; net gain 33.

Grand High Priest: M. Ex. Comp. Thomas J. Rosser.

Grand Secretary: M. Ex. Comp. Dwight E. Shannon.

The following excerpt from the Address of the Grand High Priest will be noted with interest:

"On September 10th my daughter and granddaughter journeyed with me to Durango, Colorado, where I attended the first FOUR CORNERS ROYAL ARCH MEETING.

"The four Grand Chapters were opened in due form at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday morning, September 11, each Grand High Priest opening as in his own state. The Altar was placed in a replica of the 'four corners'. Colorado conferred the Mark Master degree on fourteen candidates, four from Arizona. The work was quite a bit different than ours, but very impressive. The Utah team put on the Past Masters degree. It was also quite different from Arizona's work.

"After a luncheon in the Temple, Arizona put on the Excellent Master's degree, with Companions from as many chapters as were represented. Companion Earl Spitler, Grand Royal Arch Captain, was Captain of the degree team. We were all very proud of our team's work—they were all outstanding. I especially commend Excellent Companion Earl Spitler for his leadership in organizing the degree team. I myself

spent a part of the summer back in the Methodist Hospital in Houston, and was unable to help the Companions who took part. My sincere thanks to all.

"The New Mexico team put on the Royal Arch degree, and in a very creditable manner. It was enjoyed by all from Arizona, although the work is somewhat different than ours. The New Mexico Companions were really up on their work."

It is worthy of note that the Grand Lecturer reported, in part:

"We feel that the Ritual is only one phase of our Masonic endeavor. It is, nonetheless, of utmost importance, for unless we can inspire our novitiates with the beauty of our Ritual, how can we expect them, in turn, to interest those of their Masonic brethren who may be in search of further light; and it is only by increasing in numbers that we can hope to attain the stature in the Masonic structure to which Capitular Masonry is entitled."

Elections—

Grand High Priest: M. Ex. Comp. Chas. E. Taylor.

Grand Secretary: M. Ex. Comp. Dwight E. Shannon.

British Columbia

The 48th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of British Columbia (With Jurisdiction Over the Yukon Territory) was held in Vancouver, on June 22, 1966.

Chapters 41; membership December 31, 1965—5,584; net increase 4.

Grand First Principal: M. Ex. Comp. T. R. Smalley.

Grand Scribe E: M. Ex. Comp. E. B. Baker.

The following is noted with interest:

PRESENTATION OF FLAG

"At this point the Most Excellent Grand First Principal mentioned that M. Ex. Comp. William E. Norman had something to say to the Convocation and invited M. Ex. Comp. Norman to address the meeting. M. Ex. Comp. Norman thereupon presented to the Grand Chapter of British Columbia a very beautiful flag of the United States—up-to-date with fifty stars; and asked that the Grand Scribe E., M. Ex. E. B. Baker, Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Virginia at this Grand Chapter, stand beside him in making the presentation.

"The Grand Z., M. Ex. Comp. T. R. Smalley, warmly thanked the Grand High Priest of Virginia for this gift."

The Grand Z. spent a very busy term of office and his visitations to constituent chapters is particularly commendable. The following is noted from his address:

"On my visits to the Chapters I found in most cases the Chapters in excellent condition, the Officers are very efficient and assume their responsibilities with courage and devotion. I have witnessed many degrees conferred and with one exception very well conferred. In the one exception there were too many Rituals in evidence, and I want to remind the Ex. First Principals that it is their duty to see that the Officers perform their duties in a proper manner. Most Chapters are suffering from lack of attendance, but as there seems to be no remedy for this we can only hope for the best. To the members of Kootenay Chapter No. 3 whom I met on my visit to Kaslo, my humble thanks for the effort they are putting forward to carry on under such extreme difficulties and hope for a solution of your problems in the near future."

This Grand Chapter has a Bursary Fund and the Committee reported:

"Three awards of \$300.00 each were made during the past year but

as intimated in last year's report the Fund has reached the point where it can now provide four awards in the same amount. This year we have undertaken to offer that number.

"The prospect of more assistance from Government sources to University students is a subject of which much has been heard. At the moment nothing has developed beyond the talking stage and until something definite is known your Committee feels that this Grand Chapter Fund is sufficiently important to warrant the continued support of all Chapters."

Elections—

Grand First Principal: M. Ex. Comp. L. R. Gamey.

Grand Scribe E: M. Ex. Comp. E. B. Baker.

California

The 112th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of California was held at San Diego, on April 18th and 19th, 1966.

Chapters 123; membership February 28, 1965—33,321; net loss 553.

Grand High Priest: M. Ex. Comp. E. Monroe Foster.

Grand Secretary: M. Ex. Comp. Chester H. Newell.

The G.H.P. presented a most forthright address, as will be seen from the following extracts.

"This year we have encouraged Companions from all of our Chapters to attend this Convocation regardless of whether they were entitled to vote or not and we hope many of you are here to learn about our organization. Your interest and attendance is appreciated. Many of you who are here for the first time representing your Chapter as the High Priest, King or Scribe, are encouraged to participate actively in our deliberations along with those of previous years of experience. It is our policy to promote and stimulate the interest of our newer members as we believe the future well being of our organization depends very largely upon the extent of this interest. I would like to have each of you feel that you are such an integral part of this Grand Chapter that in referring it to you will use the term 'we' instead of 'they'.

"I hope each of you came here fully aware of the need to do something constructive to further strengthen this Grand Chapter and its constituent Chapters, and I also hope that you are enthusiastic enough about Royal Arch Masonry to stand up and fight for the things you believe will benefit it. You will have the opportunity to vote on legislation of great importance to our future . . ."

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"In reporting to you on the condition of Royal Arch Masonry in our State, I will be very frank and tell you that it is not nearly as good as it should be. We have not been able to reverse the down trend that started a few years ago with a net loss in membership and it is actually accelerating. It is apparent that whatever we have been doing is not good enough and in analyzing the causes of this decline I have reached some conclusions which have resulted in recommendations that will be made in this message. I am firmly convinced that good leadership at all levels can overcome our problems, but it may take a lot of effort and even some drastic action to get that leadership where it is most needed.

"We are encouraged by the fact that several of our smaller Chapters which have had no gain in the past few years, have shown a large gain percentage this year, and in each case it was good leadership that caused the increase in activity and candidates. When the officers and Companions of a Chapter become determined enough they can

usually do something about it, and one of the most important things to do is to get new men active — men with ability and enthusiasm and who are harmonious in dealing with others. We need leaders who are sufficiently impressed with the honor that has been bestowed upon them that they will devote all of their spare time to this one office to do a good job and not dilute their effectiveness by attempting to hold several offices at the same time. A successful High Priest is usually one who started out when he was First Veil visiting Blue Lodges and other Chapters so that by the time he reaches the top office he has a good knowledge of how to manage a Chapter and good support from the Blue Lodges. This is where we get our candidates.”

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“Too often I find that we are leaving Companions in office beyond the time that they are effective. Royal Arch Masonry is more important than any one individual, and we must do our part to perpetuate it by constantly injecting new blood. New Companions in office are usually inspired and thrilled with the honor of the position. They have initiative and enthusiasm which greatly benefits the organization, but after too many years in the same office they have used up their ideas and run out of steam. This is no discredit to any Companion, but when our institution is suffering we can no longer afford to honor one with an office in which he is not effective. Today we need producers, not only at the Chapter level, but in Grand Chapter also. No man is indispensable. There is always capable talent waiting in the wings. We must plan now to replace ourselves and not let our Masonry die with us. It is interesting to note that Grand Lodge is considering ways to combat this problem also.

“In the business world there is a current slogan — ‘Explore or expire’, — and it is my feeling that this can apply to us to a degree because we are in many ways like a business. Our future existence depends upon our ability to offer something that will be attractive and interesting to our prospective members. In other words we must have a product that the customer wants. Our customers today are not likely to be attracted by the same package that was popular fifty years ago — we must have something that will meet the challenge of today. We need leaders who have the ingenuity and courage to develop programs that will attract the interest of the high type of intelligent members that we need to upgrade our organization. This type of individual is not attracted by repetition of the same old program or Degree.

“When a business starts going downhill and losing money the methods and leadership are examined to determine what is needed to reverse the trend. We have more than money to lose here. We have a wonderful thing known as Royal Arch Masonry which needs our earnest deliberations immediately.”

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“I am not advocating any change in the moral principles for which we have always stood, nor in the long established traditions of our institution, but we must meet our competition with modern methods. For example, favorable publicity to let the world know the good things we stand for and are doing is most important. We have missed many opportunities to get good press notices on newsworthy events because either no one thought of it or the material was not properly prepared and sent in on time. Most Chapters have among their Companions one who has news media contacts and who should be appointed to handle this important duty for the good of our organization. Publicity also spreads the opportunities to participate among more Companions and builds up their enthusiasm. A good part of our image today is determined by news coverage because the present generation is greatly influenced by it.

"In pointing out these ways in which we can improve our methods, I do not want to leave you with the impression that the responsibility for the present decline should be placed on management entirely. Far from it. That national and international trend to disregard the integrity and the high moral principles for which Masonry stands, is taking its toll of many fine organizations. It is up to us to work harder to meet and overcome this challenge by updating our methods and personnel. We are competing for the time of many fine prospects against the pressure of business and the availability of entertainment."

And finally:

In closing, I want to leave with you this quotation by an unknown author, it expresses my sentiments better than I can.

"True loyalty is expressed by enthusiastic endeavor, when based on high ideals this quality in a man or an organization leads to service and service is the surest mark of advancement in the affairs of mankind."

Elections—

Grand High Priest: M. Ex. Comp. Theophile L. DeBisschop.

Grand Secretary: M. Ex. Comp. Chester H. Newell.

Colorado

The 91st Annual Convocation of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Colorado was held at Denver, January 27, 1966.

Chapters, 54; membership January 27, 1966 — 6,553; net loss 148.

Grand High Priest: M. Ex. Comp. James D. Hartman.

Acting Grand Secretary: M. Ex. Comp. Charles R. Stott.

Grand Secretary Emeritus: Harry W. Bundy.

It is important to observe that the G.H.P. in his address stated, in part:

"It has been my main purpose this past year to endeavor to bring to all Chapters and Companions the realization that we have a heritage in Masonry that each of us should cherish and protect. We cannot face the world with a sad face and doubt in our minds that our acts in Masonic Bodies and our participation in their advancement is a losing enterprise. We must think positive, act positive and hold our heads high with the knowledge that our Royal Arch Masonry is part of Ancient Craft Masonry, and is a democratic organization founded, as our country, on the basis that the majority rules, that those chosen to govern, are servants of the masses, to preside and perform their duties according to the Constitution of the Grand Chapter.

"In my report elsewhere you will note that I have travelled 32,361 miles and attended 157 Masonic and Masonic Affiliated meetings this past year. . . ."

The following from the report on Fraternal Correspondence is most significant and worthy of careful thought:

"In the Royal Arch Chapter, since our candidates already are Masons and have perhaps obtained a part of their desires, we must rephrase our three categories. In the first, which was designated frivolous, we find the Chapter used as one stepping stone on the path to the burning sands of the desert. In the second, we find a search for greater light in Masonry, a will to find the completion and enlargement and fulfillment of the Degrees of the Lodge. And in the third, we substitute the true and beautiful companionship we find in the close circle of the Chapter.

"If these are the reasons why men become Masons and Chapter

members, and I believe that they are sufficiently general to embrace almost every Companion's experience, we can ask one more question.

"Where have we failed the men of today? Where, in the realms of inspiration and of fellowship, have we lost faith, forgotten our goals?"

"This is the question I leave with you, Companions. Think on it; in this riddle lies the future of our order."

Elections—

Grand High Priest: M. Ex. Comp. William H. Thornley, Jr.

Acting Grand Secretary: M. Ex. Comp. Charles R. Stott.

Grand Secretary Emeritus: M. Ex. Comp. Harry W. Bundy.

Connecticut

The 168th Annual Convocation of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Connecticut was held at Hartford, on May 21, 1966.

Chapters 45; membership April 15, 1966; net loss 222.

Grand High Priest: M. Ex. Comp. Wolcott S. Bissell.

Grand Secretary: M. Ex. Comp. Bliss W. Clark.

The G.H.P. had a most demanding year, as will be seen by the following:

"It was my happy privilege to bring the Grand Chapter to each of the forty-five constituent Chapters of this jurisdiction, to extend your official greetings, to visit on the level with the Companions, and to discuss their respective problems with the resulting offer, I hope, of helpful suggestions toward their respective solutions."

Also, under the heading Condition of the Rite, he stated:

"As a theme for the past year, I chose the phrase 'BROTHERHOOD AND COMPANIONSHIP CREATE UNITY'. This unity which we are attempting to create is not only among the members of our Royal Craft whose support we must have in order to advance the principles of Capitular Masonry, but also must be evidenced by our actions toward those of our brethern of the Symbolic Lodges — with those to whom we wish to impart more Masonic Light. The more we apply ourselves to the basic tenets of Masonry, Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth, the better prepared we are for the task of interesting others to become associated with us in this great and glorious work.

"... The Grand Secretary's Report will show that our net loss, which we all regret, amounts to 222 members. But when compared to last year's number of 335 Companions, we did make a gain even though we still ended in the minus column. We lost 52 fewer Companions by death and 62 less in the number being struck from our rolls in Chapter and Lodge for N.P.D. Demissions were also less by 8. The total membership as of May 1, 1966 is 8662. The exaltations were only ten less than last year, one less affiliation and two less reinstatements. It shows that if we can reduce our suspensions and demissions in the same proportion in the coming year, we will show a gain in the BLACK. Companions, thank you for the progress you made this year. Some Companions were certainly 'doing something right' in order that our downward trend in membership was so abruptly halted."

The Address of the newly installed G.H.P. was most stimulating and I liked particularly the following:

"As I travel about the state this year, I intend to share with you each night that I am able to be with you, a simple and brief thought. Let us rededicate ourselves to be sincere in our ritual work and all our undertakings; let us find time to enjoy the sociability of our Com-

panions. We then will promote a renewed interest for our members and prosperity for our Order.

I am only one, but I am one,
I cannot do everything, but I can do something,
What I can do, I ought to do,
And what I ought to do, by God's Grace, I will do."

Elections—

Grand High Priest: M. Ex. Comp. Charles A. White.

Grand Secretary: M. Ex. Comp. Bliss W. Clark.

Delaware

The 98th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Delaware was held at Wilmington, on January 15, 1966.

Chapters 6; membership 944; net loss 36.

Grand High Priest: M. Ex. Comp. Samuel A. Wise.

Grand Secretary: M. Ex. Comp. Raymond A. Howard.

The G.H.P. in reporting the Condition of the Rite, had this to say:

"I have read many reports from the present to the early days of our Grand Chapter. In many cases it is as if one were listening to a record repeating over and over dire predictions of the future and calamity of Craft. Yet, as of today, we are stronger and wiser — not necessarily in numbers, but in dedication and confidence. The dire days predicted have not occurred.

"Our Blue Lodges are increasing, a new Chapter is in the forming, and other new orders are reporting advancement here, and all around us. This is good, for we have more members teaching and leading our Craft.

"It is without doubt that moving constantly and positively forward, never allowing the negative to deter us, we shall continue to expend the True Word and devotion thereto to our fellow men."

Elections—

Grand High Priest: M. Ex. Comp. Chester G. Dahlstrom.

Grand Secretary: M. Ex. Comp. Raymond A. Howard.

District of Columbia

The 99th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the District of Columbia was held at Washington, on February 12, 1966.

Chapters 8; membership December 31, 1965 — 3,352; net loss 84.

Grand High Priest: M. Ex. Comp. A. Edmund Johnson.

Grand Secretary: M. Ex. Comp. Marvin E. Fowler.

The report of the Grand Visitor and Lecturer is forthright, as will be seen from the following extracts:

"Can it be that we are becoming indifferent as to whether we exist or perish? Do some of our officers fail to accept the responsibility that goes with the office? Do our Companions fail to attend meetings because we have nothing of interest to attract them? Such may be the case in certain Chapters, because on the other hand, we have several Chapters where the officers are enthusiastic, the ritual is good, a fair number of candidates, and the attendance fairly good.

"Many of our officers and past officers seem convinced that all our troubles are due entirely to the shift in population of the District of Columbia. I am afraid too many Companions have used it as an excuse to avoid doing what they know in their hearts has to be done

to revive in Royal Arch Masonry. I will admit, however, that poor public transportation, poor parking facilities near our Temples and the movement of a number of our members to the suburbs have contributed to the loss in attendance."

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"Companions, as I conclude this report, so I also come to the end of 44 years of a rich and rewarding experience. Not in financial gain or increase in worldly good but in friendships made and experiences shared. In the internal satisfaction that perhaps I have helped and encouraged someone along the way so that their load was made lighter. And, in a selfish way, in an improvement in my ability to meet people and to adjust to new situations."

The G.H.P. spent a demanding year and with devotion, as his address reveals, and I note with significance his concluding observations, namely:

"When I assumed the station of Grand High Priest, I was concerned about three problems facing most of the Chapters in this jurisdiction and they are — Attendance — Membership — Ritualistic Proficiency! There are no pat answers for Chapters to follow to be assured of success. Rather, I believe these problems are factors which work together and, when the officers and members work diligently and enthusiastically to solve them, then they become stepping stones for progress — not road blocks!

CONCLUSION

"Companions; this concludes the report of my activities for the past year. For me this year has, indeed, been a pleasant one, and one I shall long remember. Courtesies and kindnesses have been showered upon me, and my duties have been pleasant ones. You have honored me far above my worth, and I sincerely trust that my activities have met with your approbation. I have served you to the best of my ability, with one object only, the betterment of our fellow man, and by your kindness you have brought home to me a full realization of those beautiful lines written by an unknown Confederate Soldier:

I asked God for strength, that I might achieve

I was made weak, that I might learn to obey . . .

I asked for wealth, that I might do greater things,

I was given infirmity, that I might do better things . . .

I asked for riches, that I might be happy,

I was given poverty, that I might be wise . . .

I asked for power, that I might have the praise of men,

I was given weakness, that I might feel the need of God . . .

I asked for all things, that I might enjoy life,

I was given life, that I might enjoy all things . . .

I got nothing that I asked for — but everything I had hoped for,

Almost despite myself, my unspoken prayers were answered.

I am among all men most richly blessed."

Elections—

Grand High Priest: M. Ex. Comp. Wm. H. Minnick.

Grand Secretary: M. Ex. Comp. Marvin E. Fowler.

England

The Regular Quarterly Convocations of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England were held at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, London, the Rt. Hon. The Earl of Scarbrough, K.G., G.C.S.I., G.C.I.E., G.C.V.O., T.D., the Most Excellent First Grand Principal presiding.

The great event of the year, and indeed significant to Royal Arch Masons everywhere, was the 200th Anniversary of the Establishment of the Supreme Grand Chapter, held on July 1, 1966. This Reviewer, however, has not so far received any information regarding this most important occasion, and therefore is unable to comment upon it.

However, M. Ex. Comp. James Girvin, our Grand Z., travelled to England to attend this important celebration but, unfortunately, was taken seriously ill and hospitalized shortly before.

It is again interesting and stimulating to note the number of new petitions for new Chapters and that they must all be attached to a Craft Lodge.

The number of Chapters on the Grand Chapter Register will, I believe, be of interest to all, and is as follows:

London	721
Provincial	1,677
District and Abroad	302
Total	2,700

I note in one of the reports the following, which all will, I believe, find interesting and informative:

"Royal Arch Regulation 4 lays down that there are no salutes to any Companions in Royal Arch Masonry: most rituals with which the Committee is familiar refer to the R. or H. sign as being used 'when addressing the Principals' without going on to say that the sign should be related to the altar.

"The Committee feels that this apparent contradiction could be easily eradicated by making it clear when the signs are explained in the Mystical Lecture that the sign is an expression of respect for the altar and the symbols upon it, and not for the occupants of the chairs.

"The Committee feels too that senior members of the Order can help by their own example to bring home to junior members the true import of the sign in question."

First Grand Principal: M. E. Comp Rt. Hon. The Earl of Scarbrough, K.G., G.C.S.I., G.C.I.E., G.C.V.O., T.D.

Grand Scribe E.: Ex. Comp. James W. Stubb.

Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales and the
Dominions and Dependencies of the British Crown

The regular Quarterly Communications were held at Freemasons' Hall, London.

Grand Master: M.W. Bro. The Rt. Hon. Lord Harris, M.C., V.L.

Deputy Grand Master: R.W. Bro. Major R. L. Loyd, O.B.E., M.C.

Grand Secretary: R.W. Bro. Lt.-Col. J. W. Chitty, M.B.E., P.G.W.

The following is most worthy of note:

"M.W. Grand Master and Brethren, I have very much pleasure in proposing that the sum of £5,000 be donated from the Mark Benevolent Fund to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. The money will be used for equipment in the new Science Block which is in an advanced state of planning."

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"M.W. Grand Master and Brethren, I would like to read a letter from the Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution in order that it may appear in our Minutes:

'Dear Sir, The generous gift of £15,000 received from Mark Grand Lodge to provide furniture and furnishings for our three new Homes

was reported to the Committee of Management on Wednesday, 3rd November . . . ”

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“M.W. GRAND MASTER: Brethren, I have not much to say to you on this occasion. From the number of new Lodges which have been formed you will realise that the Mark Degree is continuing to expand in many parts of the world.

“In the Report of the General Board you will see the Concordat between the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of India and ourselves. I hope that you will approve of it. I think that it covers every eventuality which can be foreseen. I hope that it will be a document which will ensure a long friendship between this Grand Lodge and the Grand Lodge of India.”

The following is noted in the Proceedings of the Quarterly Communication of June 7, 1966:

“GRAND DIRECTOR OF CEREMONIES: Most Worshipful Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Bhogilal Shah, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Mark Masons of India, accompanied by his Deputy Grand Master, R.W. Bro. Lt.-Gen. Sir Harold Williams, K.B.E., C.B., and his Grand Secretary, R.W. Bro. P. M. Sundaram, is without and he requests that he may be admitted.”

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“With regard to the Fund of Benevolence, in addition to grants to individuals who were relieved to the extent of nearly £11,000, a donation of £15,000 was made to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for equipping the new Homes for old people.”

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“Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren, as you know it is our policy to assist Masonic organisations which are providing Homes for old people. There has recently come into existence a Trust for this purpose in East Lancashire which is known as the Canon's Close Charity. I beg to propose that the sum £5,000 be voted by Grand Lodge to assist in the furnishings of the Home which is to be provided and run by the Canon's Close Charity.”

And, finally, the following:

“All the Brethren stood to order whilst the Grand Director of Ceremonies proclaimed the investiture and installation of M.W. Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Harris, M.C., V.L., as Grand Master as follows:

“Be it known that THE RIGHT HONOURABLE GEORGE ST. VINCENT, BARON HARRIS of Seringapatam and Mysore in the East Indies, and of Belmont in the County of Kent; upon whom has been conferred the Decoration of the Military Cross; a Knight of Justice in the Grand Priory in the British Realm of the Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem; formerly Captain in Her Majesty's Territorial Army; Bachelor of Arts of the University of Oxford; in the Commission of the Peace and Vice-Lieutenant for the County of Kent; Past Grand Warden in the United Fraternity of Antient, Free and Accepted Masons of England; Past Grand Scribe Nehemiah in the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons; Grand Master, and Knight Grand Cross, in the Great Priory of the United Religious and Military Orders of the Temple, and of St. John of Jerusalem, Palestine, Rhodes and Malta; Grand Inspector-General 33°, and Inspector-General for Kent in the Ancient and Accepted Rite; Past Provincial Grand Master for Kent, and Past Provincial Grand Master for Surrey, etc., etc., etc.; has been installed as the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales and the Dominions and Dependencies of the British Crown; Whom may the Great Overseer of the Universe long preserve.”

Florida

The 119th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of the State of Florida was held at Daytona Beach, on May 18, 1966.

Chapters 46; membership 9,623; net gain 9.

Grand High Priest: M. Ex. Comp. Roy Richardson Wright, Jr.

Grand Secretary: R. Ex. Comp. Thomas Nelson Morrison.

The following recommendations made by the G.H.P. will be of interest:

“Companions: I would like to offer the following recommendations, which I feel will be for the good of the Craft.

1. That the resolution to establish a York Rite Advisory Board recommended by the Grand High Priest, Grand Master, and Grand Commander be adopted.
2. That the resolution to be presented relative to the reception of Grand Officers be adopted.
3. That a survey be made to determine if it is the desire of the craft to continue the publication of the York Rite Lite.
4. That the document known as the three-year plan be printed in booklet form and distributed to each Chapter. I believe that this document contains much valuable information which would aid in the promotion of York Rite Masonry.
5. That this Grand Chapter establish a system of Chapter education which would include instruction in the Degree work, duties of individual chapter officers, the constitution laws and regulations of the Grand Chapter.
6. That the following be established as requirements that must be met before granting a new Charter for a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons.
 - (1) Must not be within 25 miles of a presently chartered Chapter.
 - (2) Must be within the area of a Blue Lodge of no fewer than 250 members.
 - (3) Must be within a community of no fewer than 10,000 population.
 - (4) Dispensation for charter must bear the signature of no fewer than 27 Royal Arch Masons.

These requirements to be established in addition to the laws presently governing the chartering of Chapters in this Grand Jurisdiction..

7. That the Area concept of meeting be continued.
8. That the quota assignments for exaltations be continued.”

And also the following:

“In conclusion, let me for a moment review the program we have endeavored to follow this year.

“The three-year plan: We have attempted to incorporate the many ideas in this plan into our thinking.

“We have enjoyed a close association with the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Clyde Gleason, in being with him on several of his visitations. Also many of the constituent Chapters responded most generously to his appeal for contributions to the relief of hurricane victims in Louisiana.

“Through our Area meetings we brought workshops for the purpose of instruction to the Craft in general; and in addition, schools for secretaries and recorders were conducted.

“Most of the District Deputies have visited each Chapter in his District.

"The Grand Officers were assigned certain visitations and they have in most instances carried out these duties and each has made a very detailed report of his activities.

"Also, many other ideas contained in this plan have been suggested and carried out by the Craft.

"Unity Program: The Grand Chapter, Grand Council and Grand Commandery have enjoyed a most harmonious association. Through the area meetings we have developed a method or means for the development programs beneficial to all the York Rite Bodies. My associations with the Grand Master and the Grand Commander has been most cordial and I feel that we have established a strong and lasting friendship.

"Assignment of Quotas: Quotas were assigned to each of the 47 Chapters and fourteen either achieved or exceeded their quotas. These fourteen Chapters each showed a nice gain in membership. Of the 33 Chapters that did not achieve their quota, 26 showed a loss in membership, four showed a small gain and three showed neither gain nor loss. Had each Chapter attained the assigned quota the Grand Chapter of Florida would have shown an increase of 37 instead of 9.

"Each High Priest was expected to confer the Chapter Degree in his Chapter at least once during his term of office. I have no record to determine the success of this part of our program."

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"Companions, last May I made the statement that Masonry faced in our time its greatest challenge. Several of the Chapters of this Grand Chapter have met this Challenge, but a larger number have not. We have begun a rebuilding program for the York Rite of Florida, and while I feel we have accomplished considerable, much more work and dedication is necessary before our goal is accomplished."

Elections—

Grand High Priest: M. Ex. Comp. Loftin Dee Chiles.

Grand Secretary: R. Ex. Comp. Thomas Nelson Morrison.

Germany

The 9th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Germany was held at Chiemsee, on April 19, 1965.

Grand High Priest: M. Ex. Comp. Varick Steele.

Grand Secretary: R. Ex. Comp. John G. Warren.

The G.H.P., in his address, stated in part:

"Our Grand Chapter, by the nature of its membership, is in a continual state of flux. Of a total membership near 1,000 we can only count some 70 German members and perhaps 20 American civilians as relatively permanent residents of Germany. The vast bulk of the membership is composed of American servicemen sojourning in this country. Their length of service in Germany, following exaltation, may vary from a few days to two years or more. Any Companion remaining in the area for 8 months or longer and willing to work for the benefit of the craft is certainly a blessing to his Chapter.

"When to these problems one considers that a military manoeuvre may suddenly, and often without advance note, move 80 percent of the Chapter membership into the field it is truly remarkable that our Grand Chapter has been able to thrive and, in many cases, confer degree work of the highest order.

"I cannot praise too highly the efforts put forth by those Chapter members who are instrumental in maintaining continuity in their Chapters and who, by devoting a great deal of time to the craft, have

succeeded in bridging those difficult gaps produced by periodic rotation of military personnel.

"During my term in office as Grand High Priest I have visited every Chapter in Germany and also, through the kindness and generosity of our Companions in Arabia, was privileged to make the first official visitation from the Grand Chapter of Germany to Arabian Chapter No. 12 in Dhaham.

"I have been deeply impressed, during these visits, by the capable manner in which the affairs of the Chapters have been conducted. In many cases I was privileged to observe and participate in the conferring of the Chapter degrees. I am happy to report that the work was, in all cases, performed in an outstanding and impressive manner."

"I am happy to report that the Grand Chapter of Germany, for the 9th consecutive year, has shown an increase in membership. Although, technically speaking, we ended the year with fewer members than we started, we released five Chapters with a total membership of 117 during the past year to form the Grand Chapter of Italy. Adjusting the figures to account for these Companions we show a net gain of 62 members."

The following is from the Report of the Grand Secretary:

"We started 1964 with 20 Chapters and 1024 members and ended the year with 14 Chapters and 969 members. This shows a loss of 6 Chapters and a loss of 55 members. Five of the six Chapters were released to form the Grand Chapter of Italy, one Chapter being inactive for over two years its Charter was withdrawn. During the year 139 members were exalted, 16 members affiliated, 7 members restored, 1 member died, 40 members dimitted, 48 members suspended, 0 members were expelled and 1 member correction to our 1963 annual returns, which gave us an overall loss of 55 members. There were 9 Chapters which showed gains for a total gain of 88 members. 8 Chapters showed a total loss of 143 members. Die Brueke Chapter's Charter was withdrawn because no meetings have been held with the last 24 months and annual returns have not been submitted during this time."

Elections—

Grand High Priest: M. Ex. Comp. Roy T. Boggs.

Grand Secretary: R. Ex. Comp. John G. Warren.

Idaho

The 58th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Idaho was held at Sandpoint, May 25th and 26th, 1966.

Chapters 21; membership December 31, 1965 — 2,864; net loss 28.

Grand High Priest: M. Ex. Comp. William C. Jones.

Grand Secretary: M. Ex. Comp. R. R. Fletcher.

It is, I suggest, significant that the G.H.P. in his address stated, in part:

"One year ago, the Royal Arch Masons of Idaho honored me with this high office in Capitular Masonry. I, like many of my predecessors, was filled with plans and ideas. Now at the end of my term, I feel that my efforts have been very inadequate. I wish I could impress upon every Royal Arch Mason, the importance of Masonry to all of us, to our country and to the world.

"During this year I have endeavored to stress the importance of living Masonry, also the importance of informing our less informed brothers, thereby improving the image of Capitular Masonry. I was able to reach only a small percent of the Royal Arch Masons of Idaho,

although I visited every chapter in the state at least once. There must be a way to reach the 85% that I failed to reach."

And on the Condition of the Order he stated:

"The 1965 reports from the Constituent Chapters again show a loss in membership. Suspensions for N.P.D. and death continue to be the two largest causes for this loss. The net loss this year is 34 as compared to 60 last year. My predecessor P.G.H.P. 'Ed' must have given Capitular Masonry a 'shot' in the arm last year. Nine chapters showed a gain in membership, two remained even and ten showed a loss.

"Companions, every effort must be made by every chapter and every companion to stop this loss in membership. During the past nine years, Idaho shows a total loss of 271. A little additional effort on the part of those chapters showing a loss in 1965 and I am certain that the Grand Chapter of Idaho can show a gain for 1966.

"The ritualistic work has improved during the past few years in nearly all of the chapters. In those few chapters whose work is below par, it will take a little additional effort and their work also will classify as good.

"I want to congratulate those chapters that are making gains; Several chapters are making drives for membership, holding festivals, and telling their story to their brother Masons that they in turn will seek further light the York Rite Way."

And, also, one of his recommendations:

"I recommend that every effort be made by every companion and every chapter to secure new members. Strive to avoid suspension for N.P.D., and conduct ourselves so that our Masonic brothers will be interested in becoming one of our members."

It is of note that the Grand Historian in his report stated, and I quote in part:

"But how about new members? Are we selling York Rite to Blue Members? Are we holding York Rite Nites for all Masons and their ladies? Are we distributing the York Rite pamphlets furnished by the Grand Chapter? Are we sure prospective members understand all about York Rite? Or are we just wasting this good ammunition furnished us to create interest in York Rite? In my home Chapter we are in a favorable position. We have two active Blue Lodges. We also draw new members from the surrounding territory, where there are active Blue Lodges.

"We make bus trips to outlying towns and carry our own degree of work to these towns. Interest grows among the members in these towns and they are working for York Rite: talking York Rite and selling York Rite. These trips stir up interest among our members at home, and the bus is always full for these trips.

"We have a good membership committee. It is made up of men who are not afraid to work for York Rite."

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"Let's try and stop this loss that is causing us great concern. Let's get out and sell York Rite, talk York Rite until the world knows about us. Don't let George do it. This is a matter only you can solve. If we believe that which we are selling we will be successful, and our membership will again be on the upgrade.

"Remember, only you can do it."

Elections—

Grand High Priest: M. Ex. Comp. Floyd Bandy.

Grand Secretary: M. Ex. Comp. R. R. Fletcher.

Illinois

The 117th Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Illinois was held at Springfield, on March 18-19, 1966.

Chapters 169; U.D. 1; membership December 31, 1965 — 26,900; Net loss 649.

Grand High Priest: M. Ex. Comp. G. Wilbur Bell.

Grand Secretary: M. Ex. Comp. Lyle R. Melvin.

The following will be found interesting in an address given by Most Worshipful Brother Myron K. Lingle, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Illinois.

"Throughout the years that I have been attending the Annual Convocations of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter, I have thought of them as Masonic Homecomings and what a good feeling that is.

"There is a factual reason for this notion that the sessions of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter are real Masonic homecomings. You will find more Brethern here today who have worked in other Masonic bodies than attend any other statewide Masonic assemblage. Putting it another way, there are more past Masters of Masonic Lodges who attend the Grand Roayl Arch Chapter than attend any other governing bodies of either the York of the Scottish Rites.

"The office of the Grand Master of Masons in Illinois receives more letters of constructive suggestions from officers of capitarul Masonry than from any other group of active Masons; second only to the Masters of Masonic Lodges. Therefore, I do have a feeling of close fellowship with you Companions.

"We are Masonic Brethern and, in addition, we are fellow workers, follow craftsmen. A Royal Arch Worker is a knowledgeable Mason; you have the skill, you have the knowledge and now you must encourage leadership in your Chapters and statesmanship in your Grand Chapter."

The Honorable Otto Kerner, Governor of the State of Illinois, was present and the following excerpt from his address is worthy of particular note:

"Now, I could go on and tell you of other programs that we have undertaken for the benefit of our Illinois people but I wish only to say that in all of the things that I have been attempting to do, I have been motivated by those things that I have learned in Masonry. This has been, of course, a great experience to me. So many of you knew my father and he, of course, had belonged to many organizations but in our conversations together, he stated very positively to me that the philosophies and the principles of Masonry brought to him greater satisfaction than anything that he ever did in his lifetime and I too feel that so long as I likewise follow these Masonic principles, even though I may have a few bumps along the way, that I too will succeed in my endeavors. Let me say that I found out a long time ago that soft words turneth away wrath and I hope that even some of my opposition in time will believe as I do because of these Masonic principles and philosophies that have also been my guiding posts."

The following is also of more than ordinary interest:

"Companion Stanley Porch of the Province of Ontario was recognized and in his opening remarks presented his greetings from the 20,000 Royal Arch Masons from the Province of Ontario, indicated that they would hold their Grand Convocation commencing on April 25, 1966 and inviting those present to attend. He further indicated that his Grand Jurisdiction was faced with similar problems, that Masonry in

general had a real challenge due to change in present mode of living and other competition for the interest of members and closed by indicating that the Masonic fraternity could not be anything but united in every way possible to present a solid front to the outside world."

The Grand High Priest's address contains many gems of Masonic wisdom, as will be seen from the following excerpts:

"We have gathered here today as Royal Arch Masons. Ten months have passed into history since we last assembled around our Sacred Altar; with clasped hands and a living chain symbolic of that claim which binds all masons of every clime into a sacred band of Companions. The Royal Arch is an integral part of and the summit of Ancient Craft Masonry; the unfolding into a second volume the story of that which was lost, to its final recovery."

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"There has never been so great a need in the history of our country and the world for the earnest and sincere practice of the philosophy and virtues of Masonry in all its Rites and branches.

"Masonry was largely responsible for the founding of a government in America upon the principles of freedom; religious and political; a government under whose flag men might be free to live their individual lives without interference or persecution."

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"PUBLIC RELATIONS

"Thanks to the continued dedicated efforts of Companions William G. Mateer, Public Relations Chairman and Companion Stuart W. Stone, we have had much favorable publicity, interesting and up-to-date information and a concerted effort made toward cooperating with the Grand Bodies of Illinois in good fraternal relationship. This has resulted in a favorable image of the Grand Chapter in its activities, accomplishments and goals."

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"The success of our Grand Chapter is dependent upon not just the Officers but rather upon the attitude and willingness of every Companion — an attitude of enthusiasm for Capitular Masonry, and the willingness to personally work for it. Let us build together, rather than hinder and impede the work by our non-activity.

"It is an obvious fact that consolidations and the shrinkage in the number of constituent Chapters indicate decreased interest and a decline in membership. Capitular Masonry has so much to offer that every means of increasing membership should be put into operation.

"Few Chapters are showing a gain in membership, and many show a loss. However, wherever I went, I found a sincere interest in Capitular Masonry and I hope the downward trend will soon be reversed for the better. Grand Officers were assigned to various Districts to give support and make reports of their conclusions and recommendations.

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"I feel that it is my duty to point out to you the alarming number of suspensions we are having in the state. This has also become a national problem. Each Chapter must determine the best way to handle this problem. If we work to secure new members and then casually permit them to be lost by suspension, we are failing in our duty to our Chapter and to Capitular Masonry as a whole. Let each of us strive to retain these members by personal contacts and a discussion with them of their reasons for permitting themselves to be suspended.

"It is my opinion that suspensions could be reduced if enough time

and effort were spent in ascertaining the lack of interest of the potential member to be suspended. Personal letters were written to each of the Companions whose names and addresses were submitted to me as having been placed on the list to be suspended. Many of these Companions responded and thanked me for the interest placed in their membership."

The report of the Public Relations Committee is most stimulating, as will be seen from the following extract:

"This reporter during the past several years, has attended many national meetings of Masonic Organizations and invariably the question comes up, 'What can be done to increase interest in Masonry' and 'What is wrong with Capitular Masonry,' which inspired me to write and publish an editorial under the title, 'Changes Which We Have Not Made,' meaning our failure to meet the changes of the modern world.

"We have emphasized the need of Wisdom and Understanding, to encourage prayers that we may live up to our Masonry. We too have emphasized that the simple truth is that we can do something because we believe we can.

"We do not need knowledge because we have that, but we do need a change of heart and mind. If we can recognize wrong, we should also recognize right. We must have ideals without which we are lost. We must meet the challenges of the present and future or die of rot. We cannot escape the social changes. We should listen and thus develop a reason to be heard. All of Masonry is so worthwhile, that it is our duty to preserve it.

"We have published many articles on unusual exents in Chapters and our observations has led us to know, and we have so reported, that the interest and help of a Grand Officer brings commendable results. We have given credit to these workers. We have learned too that praise is a remarkable stimulation.

"In several articles we have made pleas for Unity, Peace and Harmony within not only Royal Arch, but all Masonry.

"All differences can be resolved for that which is best for Masonry. Masons should love and respect each other, for we believe in God, and God is love.

"We plead too, as Masons for Peace and Unity in this Distorted World and to this end we repeat a plea previously published:

DEAR LORD,

May those that we trust with this 'Ship of State'

Steer us clear of political hate;

Keep American interests foremost in line

For the good of this land and these brothers of mine."

Elections—

Grand High Priest: M. Ex. Comp. Charles W. Bradley.

Grand Secretary: M. Ex. Comp. Lyle R. Melvin.

India

The 5th Regular Convocation of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of India was held on February 11, 1966, at New Delhi, and the 6th Regular Convocation on July 29, 1966, at Egmore, Madras.

Chapters 61; membership — December 31, 1964 — 1,840; gain 92.

First Grand Principal: M. Ex. Comp. Bhogilal C. Shah.

Grand Scribe E.: M. Ex. Comp. P. M. Sundaram.

The First Grand Principal in his address dwelt at some length

on his visit to the United Kingdom and this Reviewer noted the following with great interest:

"I now come to the 1st of July when the Supreme Grand Chapter of England celebrated its Bi-Centenary. This was the function for which we specially went all the way to U.K. We were glad to have been present on this happy and auspicious occasion. The proceedings began with a lunch given to us by the President and Members of the Committee of General Purposes. You will remember that it was Sir George Boag who along with Major G.P. Bulman came specially to India in November 1963 to consecrate our Grand Chapter of India and install me as the M.E. First Grand Principal. We were very happy to meet Sir George Boag and Major Bulman and to find them in good health and cheer. They made very kind inquiries about the progress of our Grand Chapter and introduced us to other visiting dignitaries. We were particularly happy at this lunch to meet the Heads of the Grand Chapters of Ireland, Scotland, France, etc. It was a very happy get together, one that we shall remember for long."

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"There were about 1500 Companions present on the occasion and I should express my appreciation of the discipline and dignity which were maintained by one and all concerned throughout.

"There was a Banquet after the meeting at which nearly 1000 Companions were present. The proceedings were conducted with the requisite speed and dignity."

And also the following is most worthy of note:

". . . Meetings should begin at the advertised time; the business should be regulated in such a way that there was no avoidable loss of time and the meeting was over at the expected time; Officers must perform the Ritual work reasonably satisfactorily; and the after-proceedings, if any, should not take an unduly long time and they should be conducted with dignity and decorum. The Chapter Committee should meet frequently and constitute sub-Committees for work as necessary. Particular attention needed to be devoted to the collection of dues from members in time. In the end, he appealed to all the Companions to 'think, say and to bear in mind that ultimately, you are the custodians of the honour, the reputation and the usefulness of our Grand Chapter. I exhort you, therefore, to conduct yourself in all places with the utmost dignity. Never lose sight of the fact we are a sovereign and independent Grand Chapter. Side by side, there are Companions belonging to the other Constitutions. We are in the best possible fraternal relations with the sister Constitutions. But I want you to bear in mind that the position of Royal Arch Masonry in this country will be judged by the world largely according as our Companions do well or ill. I have every confidence that you will fully appreciate your responsibility and will spare no pains to acquit yourself in such a manner as to reflect honour and credit on us."

And also of historical value respecting Masonry in Scotland:

"Though Lodge Canongate Kilwinning is not the oldest Lodge, the temple is the oldest masonic building. The traditions of Lodge Canongate Kilwinning date back to the building of the Abbey of Holyrod, when by Royal Warrant skilled builders and craftsmen were brought from far and near to assist in the work. The Abbey was founded by King David I in 1128 for the Canons Regular of St. Augustine, and dedicated to the Holy Roods or Cross brought to Scotland by his mother, the pious Margaret.

"The Canongate Masons, however, while dating their corporate privileges from King David's Charter to the Canons Holyrood and the

Constitution of the Burgh of Canongate, identified themselves with the general body of Freemasons in Scotland in 1677. In that year they accepted a warrant from the Lodge of and at Kilwinning in Ayrshire, which was at that time exercising the functions of a Grand Lodge. The initiative in forming the Grand Lodge of Scotland was said to have been taken by Canongate Kilwinning Lodge, and one of its members, William St. Clair of Rosslyn, became first Grand Master Mason of Scotland. The Lodge preserves the ancient Scottish arrangement of the Interior, having the Master's and Wardens' Chairs at the three points of a triangle, the Master's Chair forming the apex. Many of its members had been Grand Master Masons of Scotland. Throughout its long history the Lodge has been fortunate in attracting to its membership men of varied rank, profession and trade, each contributing his own personal characteristic to the common brotherhood. The members of the Lodge famous in literature include James Boswell, the celebrated biographer of Johnson, who occupied the chair from 1773-1776, James Hogg, the 'Ettrick Shepherd', Robert Burns (an affiliate member) and Rudyard Kipling (a Poet Laureate of the Lodge and Honorary Member). Of particular interest is the old organ which was built in London and installed in the Lodge in 1757. The black notes are white and the white notes are black. Though over 200 years old, it has lost nothing, but has possibly gained in sweetness of tone. The Master's chair dates from the early eighteenth century. . . ."

First Grand Principal: M. Ex. Comp. Bhogilal C. Shah.

Grand Scribe E.: M. Ex. Comp. P. M. Sundaram.

Iowa

The 110th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Iowa was held at Council Bluffs, on April 15 and 16, 1966.

Chapters 91; membership December 31, 1965 — 14,833; net loss 196.

Grand High Priest: M. Ex. Comp. Thomas E. Corothers.

Grand Secretary: M. Ex. Comp. Ross J. Camblin.

The following portion of an address given by Most Worshipful Grand Master Dorsey L. Andrews is worthy of special note:

"In every degree of Masonry there is a lesson. I would like you to recall the admonition in the first degree — 'Eight hours for the service of God and a distressed worthy brother — eight hours for our usual vocations — eight hours for refreshment and sleep.' My Companions, if we would apply the lessons taught in the 24 inch gauge in our daily lives we would have the solution of all our problems.

"Masonry in all ages have been builders; yet has not reached its stature — when it does, certainly it will be a big factor in the lives and actions of men. There are two things that are essential in building; good material and people. First, there must be material for our Lodges, that gives material for associate bodies, such as yours. The men, the people who do the building, the other essential, that, of course, is you and I. If we do not furnish the leadership then we will have no building. It is up to us to furnish that leadership. All of our problems, if there are problems in Free-Masonry, is the lack of leadership.

"I am sure you will agree with me that in all of its years of existence there have been no change in Free-Masonry, but there have been changes in men; there have been changes in conditions that surround us, and in these days when there is so much competition for our time then we must decide what to do with the time we have to give. I know many of you Companions are active in your Blue Lodges, but we need more of you. You men who have become Royal Arch Masons, are better versed, you are better instructed on the principles of Free-

Masonry, so I urge you not to forget the source of your material."

The G.H.P., in his address, had this to say:

"The secret of success in any business or fraternity is organization and the delegation of duties and responsibilities. No High Priest can do everything himself. That is why he has eleven officers and is empowered to appoint such committees as he may desire or need to further his program.

"The major responsibility of a High Priest or any leader of the craft is to see that everyone is assigned a job and that everyone gets the job done. He is responsible for the planning, delegates the responsibility and then gives his Companions direction and assistance to do their jobs. This is true in the area of petitions, social programs, degrees and ritualistic work."

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". . . In reviewing the annual reports and from visiting with many of you officers and Companions, it appears that a major number of suspensions occur shortly after the time of a Companion's retirement from his business or professional life. It seems a tragedy that a Companion who has paid his dues faithfully for a number of years should take a demit or be suspended at the time he is undergoing a transition from business life to retirement and at a time when he will have more opportunity to enjoy the fellowship and activities of his Chapter more than perhaps at any time in the past. These Companions evidently feel that they may not be able to keep up their dues and their standard of living on their retirement income, and therefore, decide to cut expenses by dropping out of their various fraternal organizations. This is a normal reaction at the time of retirement and I would urge you to make every effort to keep these Companions on our rolls even if it is necessary to remit their dues until such time as they have had an opportunity to adjust to their retirement."

Elections—

Grand High Priest: M. Ex. Comp. Edward P. Powers.

Grand Secretary: M. Ex. Comp. Ross J. Camblin.

Ireland

The following is noted from the 1966 Annual Report of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Ireland:

"The Stated Convocations of the SUPREME GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF IRELAND are held at Freemasons' Hall, Dublin on the first Wednesday, in the months of February and November and the third Wednesday in June at Eight o'clock, p.m. The May 1967 Convocation will be at Londonderry."

Grand King: M. Ex. Comp. Sydney Hanna, M.B.E.

Grand Registrar: R. Ex. Comp. James O. Harte.

It is interesting to observe that this Grand Jurisdiction consists of the following District Grand Royal Arch Chapters — Antrim, Armagh, Down, Londonderry, Munster, Meath and North Connaught, North Munster, Wicklow and Wexford, South Eastern, The Midlands, South Africa Northern, Natal, Rhodesia — also with Provincial Grand Superintendents in New Zealand and Southern Cape, South Africa. The District Grand Royal Arch Chapters are in turn presided over by a District Grand King, all of whom make an annual report which is recorded in the Annual Report.

The Grand King in a letter to the Grand Registrar in January 1967 stated, in part:

"The reports this year show that the Order is maintaining its

position and I would again stress the fact that Quality is better than Quantity.

"The Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England celebrated its Bi-Centenary in January and I was greatly honoured by being asked to propose the principal toast. This was a very great pleasure indeed and I was delighted to have had the opportunity of conveying the warm congratulations and good wishes of the Companions of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Ireland to the First Grand Principal and Comapnions of the Supreme Grand Chapter of England on that historic occasion."

Space precludes referring to all the reports given by the District Grand Kings but the following excerpts are worthy of special note:

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"I have to report another quiet year of steady progress in which the hope expressed last year regarding increased membership to reverse the decline of recent years has been raelised. I am very pleased at this and I think all the Companions who have made this possible through their efforts in recruiting into Royal Arch Masonry many of the eligible and desirable members of the Craft. I feel confident that this renewed interest will continue."

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Munster

"To close on a personal note I had the unique pleasure in conjunction with R. E. Companion Harte of sponsoring M. E. Companion Samuel Hegan on the occasion of his Installation as District Grand King of Wicklow and Wexford which held its convocation in Carlow on 14th April. This occasion is mentioned as it may be of special interest to former pupils of the Masonic Boys' School of which the three of us are proud to have been pupils."

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Wicklow and Wexford

"During my visits to the various Chapters I have been greatly encouraged by the prevailing spirit of good companionship, as also by the warm welcome extended to me personally. Attendances at the Convocations of District Grand Chapter have been reasonably good, especially when one realises that many Companions have to travel comparatively long distances. It is hoped during the year ahead to arrange a programme of talks at District Grand Chapter Convocations on matters relating to Royal Arch Masonry, which should prove both interesting and instructive as also helping to increase interest in the fundamentals of Royal Arch Masonry."

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Natal

"The cordial and friendly relationship amongst the three R. A. Constitutions in Natal still continues and all the Chapters under my jurisdiction are progressing satisfactorily. St. Patrick's Chapter in particular has been strengthened with new members and by the time we are ready to constitute the District Grand Royal Arch Chapter in this Province all four Chapters will be in a sound condition."

Grand Officers 1967

Grand King: M. Ex. Comp. Sydney Hanna, M.B.E.

Grand Registrar: R. Ex. Comp. James O. Harte.

Louisiana

The 119th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Louisiana was held at Lake Charles, on March 13, 14, 15, 1966.

Chapters 63; membership December 31, 1965 — 10,024; net loss 79.

Grand High Priest: M. Ex. Comp. Leo S. Modenbach.

Grand Secretary: M. Ex. Comp. Lee W. Harris.

The G.H.P., in his address, reported:

"In my visits throughout the State, I found variations in the activities among the various Chapters. Some districts showed an increase in their activities in promoting Capitular Masonry, successfully conducted York Rite Festivals, thereby resulting in an increase in exaltations. There were some Chapters that showed no improvement in the advancement of Capitular Masonry.

"It seems that the conducting of York Rite Festivals, with proper advance information among the Blue Lodges in a district, has proven profitable in the past. I observed that in all the branches of the York Rite System, where they had encouraged and secured the interest of the younger Companions there were more activities. We need both, the conservative guidance of our senior Companions and the energetic aggressiveness of our younger Companions in order that we may move forward upon sound principals and lasting results.

"I firmly believe that the responsibility for advancement lies with the Grand Officers and District Deputies of this Grand Chapter: through their personal visits to the various Chapters — to bring them words of encouragement and work with them on arranging programs that will create new interest in attendance and activity."

Elections—

Grand High Priest: M. Ex. Comp. Lloyd Grady Wilder.

Grand Secretary: M. Ex. Comp. Lee W. Harris.

Maine

The 141st Annual Convocation of the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Maine was held in Portland, on May 3, 1966.

Chapters 67; membership March 1, 1966 — 10,944; net loss 194.

Grand High Priest: M. Ex. Comp. Raymond W. Cunningham.

Grand Secretary: M. Ex. Comp. Earle D. Webster.

One observes in the Address of the G.H.P. what this Reviewer suggests is an unusual but significant visitation, and I quote:

"One of the outstanding events of the year occurred on Saturday, October 23, 1965, when the officers of the Grand Chapter of Maine were guests of the Grand Chapter of New Brunswick at Woodstock. Most of our Grand Officers were present and with several Past Grand Officers and Companions, we had a total of forty from Maine in attendance. We enjoyed a time of sociability and a fine dinner, after which the Grand Officers worked the Most Excellent Master degree according to the Maine Ritual."

And also:

"This year the tabulated returns show a net loss of 194 members which is slightly less than any year since 1960. The problem of loss by death of 279 members cannot be solved, but we feel that something can be done about suspensions and demits which totaled 217 if we make a sincere effort to come up with the remedy. Unpaid dues in some Chapters are much too high and an effort should be made to correct this situation at once."

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is an illuminating one and the following extracts therefrom are, I believe, most significant:

"All Grand Chapters covered reported membership losses. No mem-

bership statistics reported as such would be but a repetition of conditions reported for the past ten years: admissions smaller — separations larger.”

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“If membership losses continue for another ten years or more what will be the future of Royal Arch Masonry?

“First: Consideration will have to be given to the changing secular influences in present day society which have had a deterrent effect in the conduct of all fraternal groups.

“Second: Consideration of what adjustments may be necessary to overcome the influences that cause indifference, non-attendance, active participation in chapter affairs by the memberships? What steps must be taken to revitalize the Rite?

“Third: The real issue a challenge to the membership of the craft to support and maintain the principles of the founders, which will be always a militant force against the excesses of the world, and the atheistic thinking of so-called intellectuals.”

Elections—

Grand High Priest: M. Ex. Comp. George E. Pushard.

Grand Secretary: M. Ex. Comp. Earle D. Webster.

Manitoba

The 43rd Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Manitoba was held at Winnipeg, on February 9, 1966.

Chapters 19; membership December 31, 1965 — 2,320; net loss 39.

Grand First Principal: M. Ex. Comp. John G. White.

Grand Scribe E.: M. Ex. Comp. Cecil J. Hutchings.

The Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother Alexander E. Duff, was a most welcome guest, and his address to the Companions contains many gems of wisdom and the following is an example:

“If we are to remain loyal to ourselves, and in turn, loyal to the fundamentals and stable values of life, the home, the church, the community, and the lodge, then brethren, we must stand fast, stand firm as men and as Freemasons against this incessant whittling and nibbling away of our spiritual, social, and moral values. True, we are indeed our brother's keeper. True, it is our duty to see that all men, regardless of race, colour, creed, age, or fraternal affiliation, are given an equal opportunity to live, to love, to work, and to worship in the sight of God, unfettered and unafraid, as well to his glory as to the welfare of the common weal.”

The Grand Z's address gives ample proof that he devoted much time and talents to his responsibilities and the following recommendation by him is worthy of application everywhere.

“That each constituent chapter form from their faithful attenders, committees of two and selecting not more than say four members who have not been attending their chapter meetings, make a personal call and discuss their reason for absence, try to find out why they have become distinterested, is something wrong with R.A.M. or the way we are conducting the affairs of our chapters. Try to encourage them to come back and attend. We miss them.”

Elections—

Grand First Principal: M. Ex. Comp. Silas E. Greenberg.

Grand Scribe E.: M. Ex. Comp. Cecil J. Hutchings.

Maryland

The 169th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Maryland was held in Baltimore, on May 10, 1966.

Chapters 27; membership March 31, 1966 — 7,300; net gain 48.

Grand High Priest: M. Ex. Comp. Harry F. Luckabaugh.

Grand Secretary: M. Ex. Comp. D. Ross Vansant, Jr.

The address of the G.H.P. indicates that he discharged his many responsibilities with zeal and fidelity, and under the heading of "Condition of the Craft" had this to say:

"It is my pleasant duty to report to you that numerically your Grand Chapter has gone ahead during the year. We began the year with the expectation of being able to increase interest and enthusiasm in the subordinate Chapters and thus reflect this activity in the statistics of this Grand Chapter.

"We have been at least partially successful in that, Exaltations were up by 131, affiliations were up by 6, reinstatements were up by 10, and suspensions were down by 5.

"Deaths and suspensions we always have with us and the deaths we can do nothing about. Suspensions continue to be a problem and I fear many Companions are being suspended for non-payment of dues who find the payment of dues a burden after retirement.

"Our total membership at the beginning of the year was 7,252, and the total membership at March 31, 1966, was 7300 giving us a net increase for this Capitular year of 48. One chapter had a net loss of 23 or better than 13%. Only four chapters showed a gain both last year and this. One of the largest Chapters in the City of Baltimore showed a net gain of 16 on total exaltations equal to .058% of their membership. Another chapter had a gain of 46 on total exaltations equal to 18% of their membership.

"It is my opinion that the subordinate Chapters of the jurisdiction in some instances have been under the direction of capable leadership while others continue to exist through the cooperation and assistance of the Committee on Work and the Grand Lecturer."

And finally:

"And now the time has come to write 'finish' to one of the most rewarding experiences of my life. No one can ascend to this position without a deep sense of humility nor descend from it without a sense of regret.

"First, at not having been able to accomplish all that you had hoped. Second, in not being able to continue those associations which have made the time go by so rapidly and task so much easier."

It is interesting to note one of his recommendations was as follows:

"That this Grand Chapter consider the remission of the per capita tax on members of subordinate chapters who have been members for a period of twenty years, having reached retirement age and the dues have been remitted by their chapter."

Elections—

Grand High Priest: M. Ex. Comp. Rocco Bernard.

Grand Secretary: M. Ex. Comp. D. Ross Vansant, Jr.

Massachusetts

The 167th Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, Inc., was held on December 7, 1965, at Boston.

Chapters 93; membership August 31, 1965 — 22,727; net loss 389.

Grand High Priest: M. Ex. Comp. Archie M. Simons.

Grand Secretary: M. Ex. Comp. William F. Clark.

The G.H.P., at the regular quarterly meetings, made some potent observations, as will be seen from the following:

"For instance, what about charity. We are too often inclined to think of it as having a monetary value, representing something intrinsic which we contribute to the relief of another traveler, in this vale of tears, less fortunate than ourselves. We frequently hear this word mentioned in connection with our Masonry, and many of us still use the old definition, associating it with something of intrinsic value. Yet, it seems that this should be the least and the last meaning we should apply to the term as used by our Fraternity. Certainly it should mean that we should have new ideas, to prosper the eternal values which our Masonry holds out to us, and to forget the petty beliefs that underlie so much of our thinking.

"Let us, therefore, resolve to think new thoughts. The day of brotherhood will dawn when we shall have learned to feed our mind with the proper thoughts. In truth, when enough of us think of peace as founded upon the principles of brotherhood we shall have begun, in the words of Tennyson, 'To ring out the wars of old, To ring in the thousand years of peace.' As a man thinketh, so is he; as a world thinketh — so it is."

And again:

"It is a strenuous and fearful age in which we live, and one which will test the hearts and souls of men. It is an age which is to a large extent dominated by fear. We fear that tomorrow may bring sickness to ourselves, or loved ones; we fear that the drought may deplete our crops; we fear that the rains and floods may come and destroy the harvest; we fear for the inflation that may come with its attending hardships; we fear for the depression that may overtake us; we fear the outbreak of war that may plunge our civilization into the abyss of total destruction. In the mad rush for survival and existence, ideals are forgotten. Brotherly love is something that seems to make a good subject for discussion in our Chapter Rooms, but that is all. Charity has been commercialized until all the sweetness and joy of giving has been squeezed out of it. It would seem that the greatest need in this tired old world today is more of that good old-fashioned kindness and consideration for the other fellow, and a slowing up of the mad rush of our times long enough for us to remember that we are here for but a short period of time, and that here is not our eternal abiding place. What we need in our time to support and sustain us, perhaps as never, never before, is Faith. The kind of Faith exhibited by our forefathers who established this Nation of ours, and left us such a rich heritage. We need Faith in the ideals and principles of our Royal Craft. Faith in the dignity and character of our fellow man. Faith in the goodness and mercy of The Great I AM; and certainly Faith in ourselves."

The following excerpt is taken from his Annual Address, and I quote:

"The empty seats in our Masonic Bodies during our meetings should be of great concern to all officers and leaders of the Craft. Is the small attendance and lack of interest on the part of so great a majority of our members due to any fault on the part of ourselves as leaders? Have we failed, because of our lack of preparation, to properly interpret the lessons of Masonry to our candidates, during the degrees? Have we failed to impress our candidates, because we have not been fully impressed ourselves, with the beauty and grandeur

of the lessons we are supposed to teach? Have we failed to impress on the hearts and minds of our candidates the dignity and high importance of our Craft, because we are more interested in the worldly things of life ourselves? Have we failed in our efforts to teach the candidate brotherly love and charity, because of our failure to exemplify out of the Chapter Room those ideals and principles which we are taught in it? These are merely questions. We leave it to the individual Companion to find the answers for himself.

We do not have any magic formula for reversing the decline in our membership, other than that of hard work, and a rededication of each one of us to the ideals and principles of our fraternity. This awakening must take place in the hearts and minds of each one of us if our fraternity, and indeed our present civilization is to survive."

And finally:

"In order to prove ourselves worthy of our heritage as members of our Royal Craft, we must interpret the teachings given to us in the light of our own knowledge and understanding, for the assistance of others.

"The difference in men is in what they offer to the world. Each of us is, to himself, the most interesting and important person in the world. But to the world at large none of us is very interesting or important until he is engaged in doing something that is of benefit to his fellowman.

"The only way that men grow distinguished is by serving somebody other than themselves. All the works and thoughts of those who have gone before have left their mark on what we think and do. Borrowed thoughts, when we have learned what to do with them, become as our own. We have an obligation, then, to give service and example to others in return for our own heritage.

"Do you desire honor and distinction? You will never get it by serving yourself. You will get it only as you serve mankind. The wiser the man, the more he will strive to let the truths of his Masonic teachings shine out of his daily life and conduct. His example will create in others the desire to measure up to the best in themselves.

"The surest way to make our Masonry useful, is to make use of our Masonry. It has its creed founded upon human rights, a philosophy in which there is optimism, and a hope for the future. In the great struggle to help free a world, we should do our part with courage and determination, making use of our Masonic heritage and teachings.

"The courage and devotion of our ancestors is a noble inheritance that has been left to us, handed down with the confident expectation that we, too, would make use of our Masonry in service to God, our Country, and our neighbor, in a manner befitting the character of Masons.

"Ignorance still talks too much, and no doubt will keep on talking until an enlightened public opinion silences a good deal of it by a demand for justice and tolerance.

"Making use of Masonry has done much to break down some of the idols that have held men's souls in bondage, for human society is not now so much considered as a machine that can be taken apart and put together again according to some blueprint of academic reform, but rather as something that grows and develops like living things, and always according to accepted laws of progress."

Elections—

Grand High Priest: M. Ex. Comp. Archie M. Simons.

Grand Secretary: M. Ex. Comp. William F. Clark.

Michigan

The 117th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Michigan was held at Flint, on October 15th and 16th, 1965.

Chapters 145; membership December 27, 1964 — 27,666; net loss 511.

Grand High Priest: M. Ex. Comp. Dick C. Holihan.

Grand Secretary: M. Ex. Comp. Orlow J. Myers.

The G.H.P. had a most busy term of office judging from his visitations and the decisions required of him. He submitted the following recommendations:

"My recommendations will be few and to the point. First, though our losses are decreasing slightly, I do not feel that we, as individuals, are putting forth sufficient effort towards selling Royal Arch Masonry — let's not leave it all up to our local membership committee — always have a petition in your pocket and use it at every opportunity. Secondly, let us campaign to get youth in our organization, and particularly in our officer lines. I'm sure that many of us know of Chapters where the officers are approaching three score and ten in their age — they have probably served as High Priest several times and are to be commended for taking the office again to hold the Chapter together, but this would not be necessary if new and younger blood was added. Finally, let's promote the 4-degree days preferably in conjunction with other York Rite bodies — Pennsylvania has been holding festivals during the last couple of years and have had astounding success in showing gains — if it works there, there is no reason why it shouldn't work here."

And in conclusion, he stated:

"In conclusion, Companions, may I say that it has been a great pleasure for me to have served as your Grand High Priest this past year. As I look back over the year, I find myself wondering where the time has gone — it seems only yesterday that I assumed the station. A speaker said recently — 'Build your castles in the air, then build the foundations up to them' — I built many castles, but I found the time too short to complete many foundations."

It is significant that the Committee on Public Relations reported, and I quote in part:

"Freemasonry has always borne its share of the burdens of the nation's good society, and by unleashing a continuous flow of human relations, best known as the brotherhood of man working under the fatherhood of God, the Craft has become the richest and most influential fraternity in the entire world."

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"It is our constant aim to impress upon the Chapters that the use of proper promotional material would gain not only prestige in the various communities in which the constituent Chapters operate but would also enhance the position of the Royal Craft and at the same time make the community conscious of the fact that Royal Arch Masonry has indeed a power for good."

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"We once again come to the subject of publicity and while we admit that some progress has been made in this sphere of endeavor, we know that many more Chapters would greatly benefit by more frequent use of the local press to publicize all Chapter activities. Not only does it aid attendance at Chapter functions but it also brings to the attention of the community the fact that a Royal Arch Chapter is indeed active."

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Elections—

Grand High Priest: M. Ex. Comp. Ernest L. Welsh.

Grand Secretary: M. Ex. Comp. Orlow J. Myers.

Minnesota

The 105th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Minnesota was held at Minneapolis on October 21st and 22nd, 1966.

Chapters 71; membership September 1, 1965 — 14,967; net loss 297.

Grand High Priest: M. Ex. Comp. Knud C. Nielsen.

Grand Secretary: R. Ex. Comp. Emil A. Wold.

The G.H.P. obviously had a very busy term of Office and in his Address stated:

"I suppose that it is human nature to set goals and aspirations somewhat higher than attainable and as a result our pleasures are often mingled with frustrations. I found among the pleasures opportunities of renewed companionship throughout the State and that in itself is a heartwarming experience. On the negative side I found the schools of instruction, which were begun the previous year somewhat different from what I had pictured in my mind and in my recommendations I have suggested a further study of this feature.

"By and large, the Spring Festivals were well handled and they produced a fair number of new exaltations. However, may I leave with you this warning — all companions are warned not to substitute Spring Festivals for ritual work in their own chapters — there is a danger that ritual work will suffer at the local level and if it does your chapter will become a social club instead of a masonic unit."

The Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence contained this interesting item:

"I do not want you to feel that I am at all pessimistic about the condition of Royal Arch Masonry in our State. On the contrary. I am optimistic about the future. Some of our chapters have been dormant, and some of our High Priests have not been able to catch the vision on the mountain tops of opportunity. However, I feel that in some localities this condition will change when the new officers have a chance to go to work. When we compare our situation in Minnesota with that of other jurisdictions, we have every reason in the world to feel optimistic. I firmly believe that the most important way to keep from losing members is to preserve what membership we already have on our rolls. We should continually be on the watch for desirable candidates. I would like to suggest to the line officers of the Grand Line that they arrange to visit the chapters near them as often as possible, for much good, results from such visits."

The committee on the "State of the Rite" reported, in part:

"A body such as ours could be likened to a physical body. Continual loss of weight in a physical body says to the medical mind that something serious is taking place. You the subordinate bodies, are the cells of the vital organs of this Grand body. Our continual losses then would indicate that there are many subordinate Chapters that are, if not ill, at least not healthy. Through observation, it appears that this condition is caused by the following — perhaps not in the same order but for the same reasons: POOR LEADERSHIP — POOR RITUALISTIC WORK — BAD LOCATION — POOR PROGRAMMING. Other reasons could be mentioned but the above, we believe to be the most important."

Elections—

Grand High Priest: M. Ex. Comp. Louis B. Chase.

Grand Secretary: R. Ex. Comp. Emil A. Wold.

Missouri

The 120th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri was held at Kansas City, on April 28, 1966.

Chapters 103; membership December 31, 1965 — 21,483; net loss 273.

Grand High Priest: M. Ex. Comp. Bert W. Casselman.

Grand Secretary: M. Ex. Comp. Bruce H. Hunt.

The G.H.P. in his address had this to say, and I quote in part:

"During the past year I have traveled many miles and spent many hours in your behalf. The Grand Chapter has offered to help all chapters in the state but too few requests have been made for assistance. This I can say, that regardless of how much we offer to help or how much help is given that only the companions of any one Chapter can conduct the business and plan the meetings of that Chapter. The High Priest of every Chapter in the state has the responsibility of leadership in his Chapter but he needs the help of his officers, including the chapter secretary and the counsel and advice of wise and level heads when necessary and when asked for.

"The trite statement that this has been tried before and failed is not just cause to dismiss any suggestion that has merit. Many plans, good plans have been dropped because of lack of planning and understanding and a number have been killed by chapter secretaries who feel that it will upset their routine and they are not energetic enough to try. Companions we have proved that we can accept a challenge and come out on top. Let this year be the start of many years of growing, active and resourceful York Rite in Missouri."

The G.H.P. reported on the "Condition of the Rite" in terms which have become all too familiar to this Reviewer from various jurisdictions, and I quote:

"The Condition of the Rite is much the same as it has been during all my years as a Grand Chapter officer, some good and some bad. The condition of 14 of the chapters of this Grand Chapter is of the gravest concern. Some of these chapters have not held a legal meeting for a number of years and some others only infrequently. During the year I have directed Rt. Ex. Comp. John W. Alverson, Rt. Ex. Comp. Edward E. Nixon, M.E.C. Irvin J. Freiburger, Ex. Comp. Charles A. Bottermuller, Ex. Comp. Delno J. Spellman, Ex. Comp. Olin S. McDaniel and Ex. Comp. Frank K. Roy, Jr. to visit a specific chapter or chapters and help in correcting situations that needed positive action. This particular problem will require strong positive action on the part of Grand Chapter officers assigned to give them assistance and direction. The biggest problem of the Grand Chapter in helping a chapter regain its status as an active chapter is to find one or more companions of that chapter who are willing to accept the responsibility of leadership."

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"The biggest problem any chapter has to face is lack of interest. The only answer to this problem is LEADERSHIP and I repeat again as was so ably stated by President Abraham Lincoln, 'Leaders create themselves.'

"Suspension for non-payment of dues still continues as the major cause of our loss of membership. The Grand Chapter urges the active

enforcement of Sec. 188 of the Grand Chapter By-Laws as a means of reducing this loss. If the officers of a Chapter show an active interest in the members and interesting meetings are planned and held much of this loss can be reduced."

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"Five basic qualities of leadership are:

1. Courage. The basis of all virtues.
2. Will Power. To overcome objections from those who feel they are protecting your best interests.
3. Flexibility of Mind. Courage and Will-Power can be dangerous without flexibility of mind.
4. Knowledge. Enough knowledge of how the job should be done and how to do it.
5. Integrity. The thing that makes people trust you.

For the Mason the sixth basic quality for a leader is Humility before God and our fellow man."

The G.H.P. made reference to a "kit" and instructions he had received from M.E.C. William F. Clark, General Grand High Priest, and emphasized the following therefrom:

"Leadership is most effective when it follows a preconceived plan."

"The Course of Capitular Masonry, and indeed of the entire York Rite, has not been upward in recent years. We are all concerned and seeking to find remedies. Demits and suspensions are a particular problem. We are sure that we lose many of our companions that proper treatment might have saved. Attendance at our meetings is at a low percentage of membership. We should all be alert to suggestions of ways and means to bring more of our members to our meetings.

"The Chapter has been accused of doing the poorest work in Masonry. Whether this is true or not, we must all agree that a good rendition of the ritual will tend to attract our members to our meetings, and we are sure that a poor performance will drive them away. There are those of us who believe that a well earned reputation for doing good work, of rendering the beautiful ritual of the Chapter in a dignified and impressive manner, of the elimination of any semblance of levity in our presentation of the work, that these things are the answer to all of our problems. The Chapter that adheres to all these things will have no trouble with attendance, their demits and suspensions will be fewer, their candidates will be truly exalted and will be willing and anxious to share their experience with their Blue Lodge brethren."

Elections—

Grand High Priest: M. Ex. Comp. John W. Alverson.

Grand Secretary: M. Ex. Comp. Bruce H. Hunt.

Montana

The 77th Annual Convocation of the M. E. Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Montana was held at Virginia City, on June 8, 1966.

Chapters 33; membership December 31, 1965 — 4,713; net loss 103.

Grand High Priest: M. Ex. Comp. Oscar P. Goldberg.

Grand Secretary: M. Ex. Comp. Wm. A. Thaanum.

One notes with interest the following recommendations of the G.H.P.:

"Believing that the interruption of the summer recess during the year of service by the Officers of Constituent Chapters is very much

of a hindrance in the Chapter's activities and means dislocation of a High Priest's and his Chapter's efforts at mid-year, with the consequent delay in getting back into gear again after the summer break, I recommend that a Committee of 5, consisting of one Past Grand High Priest and four Past High Priests, consider some means of allowing Chapter Officers a continuous year of service without a break, provided that due consideration of any plan contain the necessary provisions to avoid upsetting any present fiscal year of any Chapter or its method of keeping its records."

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"The Youth of Today are the Leaders of Tomorrow: I therefore recommend the Royal Arch Masons of Montana to continue and accelerate, if possible, their support of the youth organizations in their community.

"Since Unity is the Essence of Progress: I recommend the continued full cooperation between all Masonic groups, at all times."

Elections—

Grand High Priest: M. Ex. Comp. Charles M. DesChene.

Grand Secretary: M. Ex. Comp. Wm. A. Thaanum.

The Netherlands

The Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of The Netherlands was held on July 1, 1966.

First Grand Principal: M. Ex. Comp. Prof. Dr. J. Kok.

Grand Scribe E. R. Ex. Comp. K. L. Jacobs.

This Proceedings is a statistical one, although it would seem that this Grand Chapter is making excellent progress in all phases of Capitalar Masonry. There appears to be 16 chapters comprising the Grand Chapter in the Netherlands, with a membership of 1,171.

It is noted with interest that Comp. R. C. Berkinshaw, of The St. Patrick Chapter, Toronto, and well-known as an Honorary Member of our Grand Lodge Board of General Purposes, and Past Sovereign Commander of the Scottish Rite, is an Honorary Member of the Grand Chapter of the Netherlands.

Nebraska

While no Proceedings have been received from the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Nebraska, your Reviewer is indebted to Rt. Ex. Comp. Arthur V. Roy, our Grand Representative for Nebraska, for the loan of the Centennial History of the Grand Chapter of Nebraska. This is an exceedingly well written history by an Ex. Comp. William B. Wanner, of Eureka Chapter No. 5, Falls City, Nebraska. It covers one hundred years of Royal Arch Masonic history completed in 1966. The author's opening comments will be interesting to all Royal Arch Masons, and I quote:

"History is essentially a story of men, or, at least, a story of events as influenced by men. History, if it is really history, concerns the matter of records. This historian is not a writer of fiction or propaganda. He confines himself to the truth as he sees and is able to determine the truth. This brief history of the Nebraska Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, is written in that spirit.

"The origin, as well as the authors, of our Royal Arch Ritual are completely unknown. All the efforts of Masonic researchers have failed to uncover either. However that may be, the Royal Arch degree has been around quite awhile in almost the same form as today. The generally accepted date of its first appearance in England is about 1739.

Strange to say, the first recorded mention of the degree is in America in Fredericksburg Lodge in Virginia in 1753. This lodge was only an 'Immerorial custom' lodge at that time, since it did not receive a charter from anyone until 1758, and then from Scotland.

"Now Nebraska has not been around nearly as long as that, but we are at least approaching maturity. A hundred years is quite a span of time viewed in human lifetimes, if in nothing else. In the British Isles the degree has always been closely associated with Craft Masonry. Not so in Nebraska, for here it has been independent from its beginnings in March, 1867. The seal of Nebraska carries a date of March 1, 1867; the seal of our Grand Chapter bears the date of March 19, 1867. Thus the State of Nebraska and the Royal Arch Chapter of Nebraska are practically of the same age. . . . The degree of Mark Master dates far back into antiquity and many believe it to be the oldest of the known degrees. The first known written record of American conferral of the Mark is in a craft lodge in Nova Scotia in 1784 at Halifax. Nova Scotia being one of the oldest jurisdictions in North America. . . ."

Space precludes reference to so many interesting items but the importance of the following cannot be underestimated:

"Our first Grand High Priest, Harry P. Deuel, made the following remarks in the first Annual Address in part: 'Companions, this is an important epoch in the history of Masonry in Nebraska. We are taking the initiatory steps in a work which will remain when we, our children, and our children's children will have departed, and the record of our deliberations will be closely examined and criticized for generations yet to come. We are laying the foundation stones of that Masonic edifice which I trust will be reared in that strength and beauty which will prove a lasting monument to our fidelity in our endeavors to promote the welfare and prosperity of our beloved institution. Upon us, rests the responsibility of selecting such materials in our laws and regulations as will stand the test of the overseer's square of examination, so that when judgment is rendered they will be pronounced "good and square work".'

"One of the most striking items of our early, and, except for a few years, even through our first 50, is the great importance given to the fraternal reviews of other jurisdictions. And not always just a matter of review. No, they criticized, they argued and disagreed, sometimes hotly, over policy and/or tactics in a way that seems almost fantastic today. In most cases the number of pages devoted to review were greater than that given to the proceedings themselves. . . ."

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"Reports were sometimes quite brief and to the point, viz.: 'To the Most Excellent the Grand Chapter of Nebraska: Your committee to which was referred the question, "Does the suspension of a Companion in the Blue Lodge for non-payment of dues suspend him also in the Chapter?" Answer: It does. Signed George B. Graff and O. H. Irish, Committee.'

"There were 39 other jurisdictions listed, including Canada, Ireland, and Scotland in the report of 169. . . ."

Surely these words of great wisdom expressed over one hundred years ago should give inspiration to Royal Arch Masons everywhere, and give a much needed impetus to the Royal Craft.

Nevada

The 92nd Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of the State of Nevada was held at Las Vegas, on June 8, 1965.

Chapters 9; membership May 1, 1965 — 1,178; net gain 15.

Grand High Priest: M. Ex. Comp. Clarence K. Jones.

Grand Secretary: M. Ex. Comp. C. A. Carlson, Jr.

The G.H.P. in his address reported:

"On our visitations we endeavored to point out three areas of concern, namely: Membership. York Rite Unity and Leadership. We have actively done something about each one. At the Tonopah Festival we took part in conferring the Capitular degrees on eleven candidates, also the Cryptic degrees on twenty-two companions. We have held four joint installations and six joint visitations: these we feel have been a healthy approach in working toward York Rite unity. Three joint leadership schools were held, and here again we trust a better understanding has taken place between the Bodies."

And under the heading "State of the Craft" he reported:

"In my travels around the state, I find Capitular Masonry in a healthy condition. All chapters are holding meetings and most of them are conferring degrees. While we will show only a slight gain in membership, 17, nevertheless it is on the plus side. It appears that with the unity program, the support of DeMolay and a revitalized York Rite, we are entering a new era of Masonry. In this space age everything is moving at a rapid pace. We must be aware of this in our plans and govern ourselves accordingly. Unless we make our rite compatible with today's living, it will die; however, with a little extra effort on the part of each member we can have a healthy and vigorous organization."

Elections—

Grand High Priest: M. Ex. Comp. Donald Ferguson.

Grand Secretary: M. Ex. Comp. C. A. Carlson, Jr.

New Hampshire

The 147th Annual Convocation of the M.E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of New Hampshire was held in the Masonic Temple in Wolfeboro, on May 14, 1966.

Chapters 26; membership April 1, 1966—3,164; net loss 110.

Grand High Priest: M. Ex. Comp. Harold L. Johnson.

Grand Secretary: M. Ex. Comp. Hiram W. Johnson.

Reading the address of the G.H.P., it is obvious that he had a most busy year, and discharged well his responsibilities to the chapters in his jurisdiction.

It is interesting to observe that the Report of the York Rite Committee states, in part:

"Chapter officers have a serious responsibility to preserve our ancient landmarks and to engage in Masonic dialogue with others of the Craft, lest our precious heritage suffer some diminution at our hands. Certain it is that Chapter officers throughout the State must give immediate attention to strengthening the nature of their degree work and dedicating their efforts to a renewed activity within the Chapters . . .

"Any Chapter whose officers demonstrate that they have acknowledged the importance of their roles and duties in their stations will find that attendance at the convocations will begin to take care of itself. Added interest will produce candidates in due season, and there will be discovered availability of officer material from among the Companions who have heretofore been reluctant to participate.

"In the long histories of churches and fraternities, one finds in the record where certain times have constituted a crisis, sometimes known as 'being at the crossroads'. Those particular periods have been char-

acterized by a disturbing loss of members and a distressing lessening of interest. The institutions of the Church and Masonry have always survived, and have recovered in a measure. But survival is not enough; growth is most important.

"The present time is a crisis in Masonry. The impact of competing attractions, with an indulgence in the pleasures and fascination of a very material age, have had a most serious effect upon organizations and individuals concerned with the spiritual welfare of men."

Elections—

Grand High Priest: M. Ex. Comp. Francis L. Plaisted.

Grand Secretary: M. Ex. Comp. Hiram W. Johnson.

New Jersey

The 109th Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of New Jersey was held at Trenton, on May 7, 1966.

Chapters 51; membership December 31, 1965—7,524; net loss 267.

Grand High Priest: M. Ex. Comp. Milo E. Bassett, Jr.

Grand Secretary: M. Ex. Comp. Harry R. Pine

Here again we find the G.H.P. in his address reporting on the Condition of the Rite, and I quote:

"In reporting the condition of the Rite, I feel that we should start to look on the optimistic side. Our Chapters are starting to work. Our exaltations show an increase over those of the past few years. The work in the District School of Instructions is showing vast improvement, and I feel that we are starting to move forward. If the Companions keep up the good work, we will show an increase in 1966.

"Our net loss for 1965, was 267 Companions by dimits, deaths, and suspension for nonpayment of dues. This was also less than last year. Deaths were 245. If we put more effort to find out why we have so many suspensions and dimits, and contact the Companions personally, I believe we can save some of these Companions for our Rite."

And his recommendations were, in part, as follows:

"I recommend our Chapters appoint a Committee on Delinquent Companions to personally contact those Companions, ascertain their reasons for being delinquent, and advise the Grand High Priest of our Grand Chapter of the reasons for being delinquent. Also to try and save those Companions who have been members for several years and possibly who due to financial conditions, find it impossible to pay dues.

"If our aged Companions find it impossible to pay their dues, for the Chapter to remit the same.

"The above recommendation should also be to contact those who request dimits, and try to see if it is possible to renew their interest and keep them on our rolls."

It is interesting to observe the following from the Report of the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence:

"In submitting this Capitular Review, covering of the Proceedings of sixty (60) Grand Royal Arch Chapters over the world, we find that eleven (11) Grand Chapters report increases totalling 615, and forty-nine (49) show decreases of 12,054, or an over-all net loss of 11,439. The great loss is primarily due to deaths, dimits, and suspensions. However, poor Ritual Work comes in for some of the losses."

Elections—

Grand High Priest: M. Ex. Comp. George W. Grant.

Grand Secretary: M. Ex. Comp. Harry R. Pine

New York

The 169th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of the State

of New York Royal Arch Masons was held in Albany, February 3rd and 4th, 1966.

Chapters 206; membership December 27, 1965—27,549; net loss 929.

Grand High Priest: M. Ex. Comp. John S. Taggart.

Grand Secretary: M. Ex. Comp. George A. Lambert.

Space precludes reference to all the "gems" contained in the Address of the G.H.P. but the following are particularly worthy of note:

"It was also my privilege to represent this Grand Chapter at the annual Grand Lodge communication last May, held at the Hotel Astor in New York City. At that time it was my pleasure to carry out your desires and present to our M.W. Clarence J. Henry the check for \$10,000.00 as our donation to the Medical Research Foundation for the further study in our laboratory of the respiratory diseases of the lungs including lung cancer. Every Companion in this room should feel as proud as I did at that moment, for it was your gift that I was conveying for a most noble purpose. In turn, our Grand Master asked me to convey to you on behalf of Grand Lodge, his appreciation for this most generous gift of love and affection for the concern of mankind in general."

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Later on commenting generally he said:

"Who is to blame for this indifference? I don't like to expose our dirty linen in front of these Distinguished Craftsmen but you leave me no alternative. I fail to see how any organization who is dedicated to dispense charity and brotherly love can honestly do so and still exist on dues of two, three, four or even five dollars a year. How proud can you be of the institution, if insufficient funds in your treasury prohibits you from participating in the charities of your community. Companions, I think we are missing the boat, if we fail to assist in the welfare of our neighbors. This is one reason why other organizations can boast of their accomplishments, while we look on with indifference. Let us forget for awhile the bowling club, the hunting and fishing club, the golf club, etc., and get back to practicing our tenets. Indifference is the evil in our society . . ."

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"PRESENTATION OF FLAGS

"M.E. George Silverman, First Grand Principal, on behalf of the Grand Chapter of Quebec presented to our Grand Chapter the newly adopted Maple Leaf Flag of Canada. M.E. John S. Taggart in accepting this Flag ordered that the Flag be placed in the Grand East where it should always be placed as a constant reminder of the close fraternal relations which exist and has existed over long years with the Companions on the other side of that invisible border.

"M.E. Taggart presented to M.E. Silverman an American Flag and asked Companion Silverman to request his Grand Chapter to accept this gift. Companion Silverman stated that the Flag would be warmly received by the Companions of Quebec as a symbol of continued friendship and fraternal relations with their Companions in the United States."

The following excerpts from a report given by M. Ex. Comp. Charles J. Wells are noteworthy and should be put into practice:

"STOP! wringing your hands over depressing conditions, and set them at work to change the picture!

"STOP! wailing about the time being out of joint, and with trained native ability start doing something about it in your own community! (These are days of keen competition for ones time. Low geared activities afford no attraction.)

"STOP! that chatter about Freemasonry losing its appeal, and reactivate its vision in your own life and actions! (Proverbs: 29-18,

'Where there is no vision, the people perish') A golden opportunity awaits. Prepare yourself for greater things, and greater things will come to you!

"Our generals inform us, that the best defense, is a spirited attack. President Dwight D. Eisenhower once said, 'I never saw a pessimistic general win a battle.' The clarion call for awareness of every Royal Arch Mason, rings out in no uncertain tone! Every year that we postpone a positive practical action against our net loss problem, we are not only adding a decline in our prestige at home and abroad, but also infecting what new members we do acquire, with that same delay—linger—and wait policy. Philip Brooks once said, 'Do not pray for easy tasks, pray to be stronger men. Do not pray for tasks equal to your powers, but pray for powers equal to your tasks.'

"Step out — out into the Realm of Achievement, and enjoy the eminent satisfaction of work well done, 'which nothing earthly gives nor can destroy, the soul's calm sunshine and the heartfelt joy.'

"Remember, you wear out your shoes as quickly by marking time in one place, as travelling in them in worthwhile service for Freemasonry.

"You can win! You are bound to win! No one can stop you, but yourself!! This is an hour of decision

'Delay not 'til to-morrow to be wise

To-morrow's sun for thee, may never rise'."

Elections—

Grand High Priest: M. Ex. Comp. Harold W. Day.

Grand Secretary: M. Ex. Comp. George A. Lambert.

New Zealand

The 74th Annual Convocation of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New Zealand was held at Rotorua, on March 16, 1966.

Chapters 99; membership September 30, 1965—8,012; net loss 42.

First Grand Principal: M.E. Comp. Hallam Lloyd Smith.

Grand Scribe E.: R.E. Comp. W. G. Webster.

The address of the First Grand Principal contains many thought provoking challenges, and only space precludes quoting these in full. However, what to this Reviewer are most significant are as follows:

"... The work of Grand Superintendents, particularly those who are retiring, is commented upon. It appears to me at the present juncture that the work of G. Supts. is capable of having a very great effect on the future of R.A. Masonry as the representatives of Grand Chapter who are most closely associated with the Chapters in their individual District they can be of help to each Chapter in providing inspiration, encouragement and information. I urge each Companion holding office of Grand Supt. (this includes those who are this year leaving office as well as those who are taking up office) to do his utmost to see that the Principals of the Chapters are fully alive to the extent of the responsibilities which they undertake. Periodic Group Meetings at which ideas can be exchanged and information given seem to be of definite value. The planning, thought and work done in this way may help to provide solutions to the major problem which confronts our order as well as other Masonic bodies — declining membership and diminishing interest ..."

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"... Twelve months ago, when I addressed those attending the 1965 Convocation, I issued a challenge which I summarised in the worlds 'Consider - Confer - Construct.'

"It is very clear that extensive consideration is necessary on the subject of the future welfare of Masonry. Free masonry is a very con-

servative institution but one cannot fail to note that other organisations which are slow to make changes have been examining their approach to twentieth century conditions and revising long standing procedure. My fellow lawyers will be better acquainted with the fact that the law is generally very very slow to move, but law reform is today a hot topic. One of the principal subjects which was discussed at the Commonwealth Conference in Australia was this question of law reform. We acclaim N.Z. to have led the world on the subject of law reform and is active again at the present time. We live as it were in an old building, the foundations are solid and will last indefinitely. But the building itself is a little out of style, the roof leaks in a few places. Moreover, there are other buildings which have been put up for rather similar purposes and these are at present proving very attractive to the type of men who would at one stage have sought admittance to and used the old building. In the past Freemasonry has been actively opposed in certain quarters. I suggest today that the opposition has lessened but that the competition has increased. This competition cannot be ignored. An American magazine recently commented — 'For the majority of today's youth independence takes the form of an International Freemasonry of youth uninhibited and scornful of the old decorum.'

"From whom do we expect to get our future members except in part at least from those who are so described? I opposed on other occasions the query as to whether we know or make known what our primary objectives are and in clear terms and then also whether we are certain that we are using the correct method to achieve our objectives. The evidence to the contrary is in each case, if not conclusive, at least indicative of much misunderstanding. No one could claim that an organisation in which the majority of the members were such in name only. Is it as healthy as it ought to be? I repeat then that more now than ever before all who are in a position of responsibility in Masonry must consider and consider fully what is the course to be charted in the future . . .

"The comment has been made on many occasions that if the moral principles which Freemasonry teaches were in practice generally many world problems would be more easily solved. Is such a statement not just wishful thinking when Freemasonry or at least many Freemasons do little to further these principles outside the small group, and a smaller group whose numbers are declining. If Masonry is to progress against the competition I have referred to, Masonic organisations must use all methods leading to co-operation, both national and international . . . You will remember that every candidate acknowledges that he seeks admission in order to acquire true wisdom and understanding and we refer elsewhere to the fervency and zeal which should actuate all R.A. Masons. I submit to you Companions, that all these qualities are as essentially necessary now as at any previous time and that patient industry will be rewarding to those who, using their abilities to the full for the benefit of Masonry, build for the future benefit of our successors. And I quote from a report in the Christchurch newspaper on Monday relating to a School Jubilee at which it was said by a speaker, 'When Paul wrote forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forth unto those things that are before he meant that we do not live in the past we learn from it. We do not lean on the past we build from it.'"

The following also should prove of interest, particularly to our Companions:

"In submitting the twenty-fourth General Report on behalf of the Bursary Committee, I have to say that we had a good record for last years. Twenty-three bursaries were awarded, with a total expenditure of £1,220. Of these, 5 were for University education and 18 for secon-

dary education. There were 6 new applicants and 17 were renewals from previous years. Twelve were given in conjunction with Grand Lodge.

"Over the last four years there has been a steady and increased demand on our Fund and we require all the financial aid we can receive from the Chapters throughout the Dominion."

It is also interesting to note that the regulations or rules governing awards are very similar to those which govern awards in the Grand Chapter of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

Elections—

First Grand Principal: M. Ex. Comp. Prentice Arthur Kusabs.

Grand Scribe E.: R.E. Comp. W. G. Webster.

North Carolina

The 144th Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of North Carolina was held at Winston-Salem, on March 8, 1966.

Chapters 41; membership December 31, 1965—8,343; net gain 214.

Grand High Priest: M. Ex. Comp. Odas Willard Crisp.

Grand Secretary: M. Ex. Comp. Charles Carpenter Ricker.

That the G.H.P. had a most demanding year is borne out by the following excerpt from his Address:

"I attended one hundred and one different Masonic Meetings this year, always keeping in mind and representing Capitular Masonry. I have not listed the meetings here in order that we may save time and reduce the cost of printing. The list will be furnished the Grand Secretary. I traveled over ten thousand miles by automobile and over three thousand and five hundred by air in State and out during the year."

He reported on the "State of the Craft" as follows:

Companions, I am happy to inform you that the State of the Craft in North Carolina is good. We had exalted during the year four hundred and fifty-three, the largest since 1949. Admitted twenty-eight, reinstated thirty-two, net gain two hundred and fifteen. This does not include Lafayette Chapter No. 72 of Shelby, returns of which have not been received at the time of this report.

"While North Carolina has shown an increase in membership for the past eighteen years, this does not hold true over the entire Country. It distresses me that Freemasonry has lost membership since World War II. Dropping from over five million to less than four million in the past twenty-five years. While population increased by twenty percent. Membership in the York Rite has also been decreasing in ratio to the above, which makes me know that something is wrong."

The following from his Address is, I believe, most significant:

"In my travels to other jurisdictions, I find that compelte unity of the York Rite is much nearer than most Masonic leaders realize. Unity of the York Rite the better to keep abreast of the changing times and with all our eggs in one basket should be a great help in curing the ills of York Rite Masonry. I believe it shall come to pass within a few years."

Elections—

Grand High Priest: M. Ex. Comp. John Calloway Jester.

Grand Secretary: M. Ex. Comp. Charles Carpenter Ricker.

This Reviewer notes with extreme regret that the newly installed G.H.P. died very shortly after his installation, namely, on March 28, 1966, and on March 30, 1966, at a Special Convocation of Grand Chapter, at Durham, M. Ex. Comp. Nathaniel Macon Baxter was installed as the G.H.P.

North Dakota

The 77th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of North Dakota, was held at Jamestown, March 24th and 25th, 1966.

Chapters 22; membership December 31, 1965—2,589; net loss 30.

Grand High Priest: M. Ex. Comp. Thomas H. Rappley.

Grand Secretary: M. Ex. Comp. Delbert J. Miller.

The Grand High Priest in his address reported, in part:

“As your Grand High Priest I was disappointed in not being able to help the various Chapters. I have this feeling that the Chapters and High Priests are prone in asking help from the Grand Line Officers. I am not sure if it is because of pride or humility. To each High Priest and Secretary, I ask, ‘Do you have an answer?’ It has to be the desire of all Companions, as well as line Officers, to promote and forge ahead. If we do not, here are the results: Net loss, 30.”

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“This has been my plea to all Masonry and especially to Royal Arch: It is not the members we do not have that worry us, but the demits and suspensions that really hurt Royal Arch, as well as all Masonry. Again I urge all officers and companions to help stop our losses through those two faults.

“The active Chapters do okay, but I am afraid we will be caught in the changing world of today, the same as our schools, farms and businesses. In this period of consolidation, I have found and agree, that Chapters in each District working at joint Convocations are having good results.”

In his recommendations he also stated, in part:

“I recommend that Royal Arch should set some project or program that might stimulate activity. For example, the Royal Arch of Washington State has a Heart program for children. Minnesota has worked De Molay into their program.

“I also recommend the continuance of the York Rite unity meeting of the Grand heads of all bodies and suggest that the Most Worshipful Grand Master of A.F. & A.M. of the state be included.”

The Grand Secretary also reported, and I quote in part:

“Companions, I think we are going to have to consolidate some of the Chapters to keep from this surrendering of Charters. This should help to cut the demits and we are all going to have to work harder to stop these suspensions. ‘Let’s Blast Them Out in ’66.’”

Elections—

Grand High Priest: M. Ex. Comp. Oscar Nottveit.

Grand Secretary: M. Ex. Comp. Delbert J. Miller.

Nova Scotia

The 97th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Nova Scotia (with jurisdiction over Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, and Newfoundland) was held at Kentville, Nova Scotia, on May 14, 1966.

Chapters 27; membership December 31, 1965—2,798; net gain 3.

Grand High Priest: M. Ex. Comp. Judge W. M. Black.

Grand Secretary: M. Ex. Comp. H. F. Sipprell

The following observations in the address of the G.H.P. are to me most appealing and important and can be applied to all:

“ . . . The Chapter Convocations attended were most enjoyable, and I was received most courteously; however, I did not have an oppor-

tunity to see as much degree work or to take part in as many activities as I would have liked. In short, I was the programme, and, although I am honoured that you appreciate my address, I would rather see the Chapter active in some other phase. I can very easily shorten my message to suit the occasion. I also note that there were a number of occasions when few regular officers were present, and also when there had been obviously no practice for a degree. I do not expect a lot of practices, but in many instances one practice would have 'untangled' the feet and 'discovered' the working tools. It appears, generally, that Royal Arch Masonry is flourishing in our jurisdiction especially on the three islands of Prince Edward, Cape Breton, and Newfoundland. It also appears that there is some complacency in some instances on the Mainland of Nova Scotia. I draw this conclusion from a number of observations, which include statistics, and the lack of organization, work, visitation, and benevolence. I am unable to determine the reason for this; however, I do conclude that we are going to need harder work, better officers, better prepared candidates, better ritual, more benevolence, both private and public, and deeper fellowship. I also suggest that we should have more pride in ourselves, better dress, higher fees, and the better practice of Royal Arch Masonry in general, always emphasizing that it is candidate that is receiving the privilege of becoming a member, rather than the Chapter in accepting a candidate."

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"District Grand Superintendents: I believe that our District Grand Superintendents should be given more responsibility in keeping with the dignity and the standing of the office they hold. I feel: (a) We should re-vamp our method of selecting District Grand Superintendents, emphasizing ability, quality, and enthusiasm. (b) They should make at least two visits to the Chapters in their jurisdiction, one being a formal visit, similar in nature to that now practised, and the second an unannounced visit when it is known that the Chapter is going to confer a degree. It appears that some Chapters prepare most inadequately for degrees, and in this day and age we cannot afford to do sloppy work. (c) To accompany their responsibilities I suggest that they receive some training upon appointment."

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"I challenge each Companion during the ensuing year not only to support his Chapter in all respects but to renew and increase his support of his Lodge. Not only is the Lodge the source of our membership, but a good Royal Arch Mason who serves his Lodge well is the best advertisement for his Chapter."

Our Grand Chapter was represented by Rt. Ex. Comp. Stanley Portch, Grand H.

Elections—

Grand High Priest: M. Ex. Comp. W. Marshall Black.

Grand Secretary: M. Ex. Comp. H. F. Sipprell

Ohio

The 149th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Ohio was held at Cleveland on October 6th and 7th, 1965.

Chapters 215; membership 1965 — 64,457; net loss 1,060.

Grand High Priest: M. Ex. Comp. Joseph Alexander.

Grand Secretary: M. Ex. Comp. Paul G. Lutz.

The Grand High Priest in his Address gave proof that he was dedicated and devoted to the Royal Craft, although was gravely concerned about the future as will be seen from the following extract from his Address:

"Some of you will remember October 1957, the last time the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Ohio met in this auditorium, Ohio had a total membership of 67,135. Since then with few exceptions we have suffered losses. At the end of May, 1965 the membership totals 63,397. I have asked myself, as my predecessors must have asked themselves, did I do everything I could to provide the best possible leadership. If we use the decline in our membership as the only activity to measure our success or failure, then the answer to this most personal question is clear.

"Within the hour, the Chairman of the Tellers Committee, Most Excellent Companion Ben J. Filkins, will announce the names of the Companions you have elected to assume the responsibilities of their respective offices. Each of these Companions will, if given the opportunity, present a program in every district a few months before they are elected and installed Grand High Priest of this Grand Chapter. This, my companions, is a wasted effort unless each High Priest in each Chapter seriously studies these programs and incorporates the activities suggested into a workable and interesting program designed to strengthen and develop your Chapter to a position of respect and usefulness."

The G.H.P. also recommended, and I quote:

"I recommend that the Committee on Masonic Education review their program and make a concerted effort to have a Royal Arch School organized and established in every district. In addition, I recommend that an outline of the proper procedure in Chapter management be prepared and made available to every District Deputy Grand High Priest for use in the several districts."

On the "State of the Rite" he had this to say:

"What a joy it would be for all assembled here if I could stand erect and proclaim with great pride that Ohio Royal Arch Masonry had grown in numbers and usefulness during the past year. Yes, it would be joyful, but more important, it would indicate to you and I that we were on the right track, we were successful leaders able to glory in our accomplishments with no great challenge ahead.

"I must, however, be realistic and report the membership statistics accurately. For the year ending May 31, 1965 we exalted 1796 which is 101 less than last year. 89 were admitted, 3 more than last year. 135 were reinstated which is one less than the year before. 503 Companions withdrew their membership — this is 22 less than the previous year. Unfortunately we had 20 more deaths and 11 more were suspended. The total membership May 31, 1965, was 63,397 which is 1060 less than one year ago.

"The loss in our membership of 3136 in the past three years presents to each of us a great challenge. Each Grand Officer, each High Priest, each Chapter Officer, and every Companion must face this challenge and provide the answers to the problem. The very fact that a problem exists, provides an incentive for a greater effort."

And finally:

". . . We have everything we need, so much to be proud of, so much to offer. Then you and I might ask, 'Why are we losing members?' It is not enough to have an excellent corp of officers. It is not enough to be the fraternity that has everything. As a matter of fact, these luxuries may be contributing to our deep sense of security and lack of personal initiative and dedication.

"Yes, we can continue to raise dues, enabling us to live in luxury. We can make changes here and there to postpone the inevitable. May

I urge you, who today are in the position of leadership in your Chapter, to face reality. A brief look at the tragic decline in membership clearly defines reality. A carefully planned program to interest young Masons in becoming active leaders in our Chapters is the best possible way to attract more young Symbolic Lodge Masons to our Capitular Rite. A personal invitation from you might be all you need.

"As men and Masons we must fear the great danger of complacency, of contentment in our comfortable surroundings and the accomplishments of those who have already passed this way. This history and purpose of our order is great enough and its beautiful message of truth and justice grand enough to command the respect and dedication of all men who put their trust in God and faithfully endeavor to keep His commandments."

The following extract from the Public Relations Committee Report should make us pause and think as individuals:

"If Freemasonry has slipped in the esteem of the community — and it has — the blame must be placed in major degree at our own door. We have failed to communicate our message, and we have failed at every level.

"To our candidates who are our whole future we have communicated the dry dusty substance of words, without the living fire of the spirit or the inspiration of exemplary ritualism. We have bade them be content with the form while withholding the living breath of the ideas. Our temples are in great measure, no longer prime examples of the very act from which we take our forms, but in all too many cases dilapidated relics of former days, in need of every form of repair and maintenance and in many cases of simple cleaning.

"Nor have we practiced the prudence commended to us of old in the men we have admitted. Chasing the chimera of quantity, we have forsaken the goal of quality. We have ceased to ask: Why should we admit him? and ask instead: Is there any reason we shouldn't admit him? In growing, we have grown into something other than that which we were, something other than that which we wish the community to see in us. And what has been the result? We have lowered the esteem in which this institution is held, by the community and its members alike."

This Reviewer is happy to report that our great friend and representative, M. Ex. Comp. James A. Gorham, attended this Convocation. We wish him well.

Elections—

Grand High Priest: M. Ex. Comp. Clair E. Calaway.

Grand Secretary: M. Ex. Comp. Paul G. Lutz.

Oklahoma

The 77th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Oklahoma was held at Muskogee, on April 5th and 6th, 1966.

Chapters 39; membership December 31, 1965 — 6,496; net loss 223.

Grand High Priest: M. Ex. Comp. M. Ross Hardin.

Grand Secretary: M. Ex. Comp. F. M. Lombard.

The address of the G.H.P. indicates that he had a full appreciation of his responsibilities and discharged them with zeal and dedication. In conclusion, he stated:

"This has been a year of labor, but I assure you it has been a labor of love. I appreciate the honor and privilege of serving as your Grand High Priest. It is an honor I shall cherish the rest of my life.

"May the Lord bless this Grand Chapter as we go forward with

our duties and obligations. May the words of our voices and the meditations of our heart be accepted in His sight."

The Grand Secretary, in his report, had this to say:

"It is disapopinting, and discouraging to say the least, to find it necessary to report a greater net loss than we sustained in the previous year. With greater activity and more exaltations that old nemesis, suspensions for non-payment of dues its still with us, pulling down our numerical gains to the advancement of York Rite Masonry, or you would not be here. When you return home, we appeal to you to get to work in your local bodies. We know that you know what needs to be done; you are needed to supply the leadership to get it done."

The Fraternal Correspondent made this potent observation in his report:

"Either the Consistory salesmen are better or the so-called magic number 32 and prestige of the Shrine pin are more easily sold to Blue Lodge members than the degrees and teachings of the York Rite. Yet we still read of, hear about, and know of many Master Masons who have never been approached to join the York Rite. And I am still wondering if all the bodies are just accepting members, and not really creating Masons; and I have to include the Blue Lodge in this question."

The Report of the Committee on Masonic Charity Foundation is to me most worthy of note, as will be seen by the following:

"The Masonic Charity Foundation of Oklahoma had another profitable year in 1965. According to an audit prepared by Arthur Young & Company, certified public accountants, for the year ending December 31, 1965, The Corporation had assets valued at \$5,299,295.00, according to book value.

"The total income received from its securities and properties for the year was \$251,415.00. \$109,416.00 of this amount was remitted to the Grand Lodge, leaving an undistributed balance of income of \$136,232.00.

,"The Board held quarterly meetings during the year, all of which were well attended. The Board has completed its campaign of liquidation of low income and depreciated properties and has its cash invested now in profitable securities.

"The Masonic Charity Foundation of Oklahoma was incorporated under the laws of the State of Oklahoma in 1931, pursuant to a resolution of the Grand Lodge, and adopted at its Annual Communication of that year. It acts as a holding company for the funds and properties of the Grand Lodge; conserves and invests the same and pays the entire income to the Grand Lodge for the support and maintenance of the Homes at Guthrie, and other Masonic charities. The business of the Foundation is conducted by a Board of Directors, fifteen of whom are elected by the Grand Lodge, and one member from each of the Grand Masonic Bodies affiliated in this jurisdiction."

Elections—

Grand High Priest: M. Ex. Comp. Raymond Shultz.

Grand Secretary: M. Ex. Comp. F. M. Lumbard.

Oregon

The 105th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Oregon was held at Medford, on April 13th and 14th, 1966.

Chapters 47; membership January 1, 1966 — 7,505; net loss 146.

Grand High Priest: M. Ex. Comp. Glenn W. Smith.

Grand Secretary: M. Ex. Comp. T. Stanton Ford.

The G.H.P. reported on the Condition of the Rite as follows:

"I just wish that I could report to you without reservation that Capitular Masonry through the forty-seven Chapters is in excellent condition, but this would not be the truth.

"However, I am happy to report that with the exception of one or two Chapters, all are active, financially sound, and are advancing Capitular Masonry in their respective communities.

"It is not necessary for me to identify these Chapters by name or location.

"Those who are accomplishing success need no further praises.

"Chapters that aren't portraying good ritualistic work are failing to secure new members, and having poor attendance. They are withering on the vine, and are in grave danger of losing their Charter."

And in respect to Attendance of Chapters:

"Here on this subject we hear the pathetic and pleading cry of High Priests. What can I do to improve attendance?

"This subject seems to be the accepted blight of all organizations, especially ours. Many letters, tracts, pamphlets, and even books have been written on this subject, but they seem to be of no avail. The answer is just simply that each particular meeting must be the most highly publicized and best planned affair to be competitive with other meetings."

The following excerpts from the Grand Orator's Address on "Masonry" are most notable:

"Freemasonry is dedicated to the welfare of humanity, and its influence is not confined to its membership alone. It is supposed to influence every stream of good that flows down the valleys of our society seeking to help mortal man live more nobly and effectively in the world in which he finds himself.

". . . It might also be said to help a nation to find its place and to establish its institutions in such a manner as to help it to become a bastion of liberty in a world that is plagued by tyranny, fanaticism, and ignorance. Freemasonry not only provides guidance for men and nations to discover their true values and implement their ideals, but it also endeavors to create the environment for intellectual advancement in the individual as well as in the nation".

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"Freemasonry charges it's membership with the responsibility to preserve for society all that is good, noble, and best in the world of humanity."

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"While Freemasonry has never professed to be any more than a creative moral force in the minds and hearts of its members, it has nevertheless been often associated with all the institutions that stand for the highest ideals to which man aspires. Freemasonry has helped man to be more religious, and it has made his religious concepts more meaningful to its members."

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"Just as there are many definitions for Freemasonry there are many different kinds of Masons.

"There are for instance, the joiners. Many of them have wallets full of cards from Masonic and other organizations. Who is to deny them the privilege? After all it is their money, nobody else knows whether they get their money's worth; and it is nobody else's business.

"Then there are Masons who belong to Masonry, accept its mes-

sages, find in it the answer to their longings. They attend its meetings, they manage its business, they become its officers and perpetuate and propagate its fame. They gain great satisfaction from being Masons, nobody else more. Without them we would have no Masonry, or churches, or charities, or politics, or business or anything else worth while.

"Other Masons are philosophers. They find in Masonry a satisfactory method of governing their own lives and attitudes."

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"So, companions, we have many different ways of defining Masonry and many different kinds of Masons. There is absolutely nothing wrong with Masonry. Our problem is to properly understand Freemasonry and to present it to the candidate in a dignified and impressive manner. We should know our parts thoroughly and understand the meaning of what we are saying and deliver it in a meaningful manner so that the candidate will get the true meaning. The candidate's coach should be a well informed Mason, or he may still fail to get any real meaning out of the degrees.

"In other words, our problem is that we have too few well informed Masons and too many of our members are apathetic and indifferent."

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"The doctrines of Masonry may be divided into three parts, Moral, Religious, and Philosophic. We require that those whom we admit be of good moral character and express a belief in God. Then it is our duty to give them the philosophical teachings of Masonry. And if we do this properly they will better understand the first two. The principal object of the degrees subsequent to the Craft Lodge is to enlarge our understanding of these philosophical doctrines. But if these degrees are conferred in an indifferent, and apathetic manner we will probably fail in making the proper impression on the candidate. So, we must encourage the lukewarm and the apathetic to do better work and strive for a better understanding of the philosophical teachings of Masonry. Let us concentrate on quality and not quantity."

Elections—

Grand High Priest: M. Ex. Comp. B. Nealley Wood.

Grand Secretary: M. Ex. Comp. T. Stanton Ford.

Pennsylvania

The Regular Quarterly Convocations of the Grand Holy Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction Thereunto Belonging were held: in Harrisburg, March 6, 1965; June 5, 1965 at Wilkes-Barre; on September 11, 1965, at Altoona; and the 170th Annual on December 2, 1965, at Philadelphia.

Chapters 148; membership 36,253; net loss 412.

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Grand High Priest: M. Ex. Comp. W. Irvine Wiest.

Grand Secretary: M. Ex. Comp. John C. F. Kitselman.

The G.H.P. had this to say on "Membership":

"I am happy to report that the number of petitions to our Subordinate Chapters show a substantial increase over the last several years, although probably not great enough to prevent a net loss in membership. The loss, however, should be sharply reduced this year.

"Several factors, some of them obvious and others hidden, have contributed to this result. Some Chapters have membership Committees that really work instead of just being names on Chapter notices. In three or four instances an upsurge of petitions has been caused by

the work of only one or two dedicated men. York Rite Festivals have brought into some of our Chapters many busy men who do not have the time to spread the taking of degrees over several months. An increase in the number of men raised in Blue Lodges outside the Metropolitan centers has been noted, and perhaps this factor has helped the situation by making more prospects available.

"It is my opinion that in most cases, if we do not secure a petition from a Master Mason within two or three years after he has been raised, he is lost to us forever. That seems to be borne out by the fact that there are more than 216,000 Pennsylvania Master Masons who are not Royal Arch Masons. Most of them are content to remain Master Masons for the rest of their lives, for about 140,000 of them are not members of the Scottish Rite, either.

"At the beginning of my administration I sent a personal letter to each High Priest in which I asked him to be sure to have an active membership committee in his Chapter that would form a plan to solicit members and then would carry out the plan. High Priests who heeded my request were rewarded by seeing their Chapters grow instead of decline, although not all declines can be traced to inefficiency in Chapters, for in many instances the paucity of admissions in Lodges has naturally affected the work of our Chapters.

"If the momentum generated in our Subordinate Chapters continues into 1966, perhaps in that year we may halt our losses and show a net gain in members."

And in conclusion he stated:

"It is axiomatic that what our Chapters need most is good leadership. Those that have it are prospering. Those that do not have it are staggering or withering on the vine. This is not to say that all declining Chapters do not have a good leadership, for many of them do, but they find themselves up against heretofore insoluble problems such as exist in metropolitan centers, or the lack of admission in lodges from which they are reasonably expected to draw members. These problems should have the earnest attention of everyone who faces them in the hope that a way may be found to solve them. In the meantime, we should 'look well to our means and resources' and elect as officers of our Subordinate Chapters the best administrators we can find. The 'ladder system' is not necessarily the best way to obtain them, and neither is the requirement that the administrators of our Chapters must also be superb ritualists. The two do not always go hand in hand.

"This is not to say that Excellent High Priests need not be able to confer the work. Even an excellent administrator should have sufficient pride in his office that he will want to be able to perform all the duties thereof."

Elections—

Grand High Priest: M. Ex. Comp. W. Irvine Wiest.

Grand Secretary: M. Ex. Comp. John C. F. Kitselman.

Philippines (1965)

The 13th Annual Convocation of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the Republic of the Philippines was held at 1440 San Marcelino, Manila, on April 30, 1965.

Chapters 21; membership 1,034; net gain 11.

Grand High Priest: M. Ex. Comp. Jose Penaflor.

Grand Secretary: M. Ex. Comp. Antonio Gongalez, Sr.

The following, from the Address of the Grand High Priest, is noted with interest:

"From the reports of the Grand Secretary and the Grand Treasurer, we have the same conditions in Royal Arch Masonry as before. Of course, the actual depression of the economic conditions in our country is being felt in our institution. But there is no cause for alarm. With Masonic vision and diligence, and with a determination to work hard, our economic difficulties shall be solved. I respectfully and fraternally recommend that the Companions, Officers and members of our subordinate Chapters give more particular attention to this phase of our Capitular work."

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"I must repeat here what a Most Excellent Grand High Priest said to the effect that: — 'THERE ARE NO ENDINGS, ONLY NEW BEGINNINGS.' I understand that the successor to this exalted office will start with new beginnings, which will be considered a new era in the progress, welfare and prosperity of our Capitular Work, and will redound to fruitful results for our Grand Chapter."

This Reviewer is particularly struck with the most thought provoking oration given by the Grand Orator, Ex. Comp. G. F. Howard. Space precludes its reference in full but I quote the following most significant extracts:

"Our society of friends and companions is so rich in symbolism, so abundant in meaningful allusions to Biblical records and compounded of so many savory and delicious expressions of illumining truth that in beginning to think of what should be the theme of this year's oration I feel just like I do at a delicious Filipino feast where I know everything is going to be so tasty and satisfying that I hardly know where to begin."

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"First, we can bring out most clearly what man is by quoting again from Steinmetz.

(What) . . . "is contained in the answer to the question, 'Are you a Royal Arch Mason?' If asked, 'Are you a Master Mason?' the natural response would be the affirmative 'I AM'. Few realize the double import of this answer. It informs the inquirer that one is a Master Mason but it is likewise a declaration of one's very existence. To state 'I AM' is in effect a claim to consciousness — 'I BE'. The Royal Arch answers goes even beyond this claim. To say more would be superfluous."

Thus, as we see from our own answer about ourselves as Royal Arch Masons we make a declaration about our own being, our own self, our own very existence which precludes the claim that we have 'found', at least while still in these mortal frames, the ultimate knowledge of the ultimate. . . ."

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" . . . Man being eternal must continue to be an eternal search for more light and truth in order for him never to degenerate into vegetating or living only on an animal level. When this view of man is held we admit, upon finding the word, that it has really only whet our appetite and intensified our thirst for more knowledge about the word."

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"First, the Father of All Mankind. Philosophers have never settled the debate relative to the origin of the doctrine of God as Father. I believe it is not necessary to belabor it among us as it is one of the cardinal truths of Free Masonry and the foundational stone for

the corollary tenet, the Universal Brotherhood of Man. The idea of the Fatherhood of God has almost limitless ramifications for study and meditation. Permit me to mention only three. God being Father clearly indicates that He is vitally concerned for the good and welfare of each and every individual. Second, He is aware of our needs and is prepared to meet them. Third, and most important of all he loves us with an undying love. This brings me to the second positive aspect about God which I believe will, when fully accepted always keep us searching.

"... Yes, we have found the 'lost word.' But in the words of our own 'august degree' we are made to recall that we stand under a living arch and over a triangle. Thus we are reminded that when God and man find each other the best has only begun. The search is never ended, it is ever at an eternal beginning!"

The following extract from the Inaugural Address of the Elected G.H.P. should be acted upon by all of us:

"To our Excellent High Priests let me say your job is more awesome than mine. Upon each of you rests the responsibility of making each candidate a RAM for life. If you and your officers do a good job our drop-outs will never be a problem. If you do sloppy, undignified, inefficient work you will lose the candidate and worse, he will tell his Masonic friends that our so called advanced degrees simply are not worth the time or money. In this jet age we must be practical as well as practicing Royal Arch Masons. We cannot stand still, we must go forward. There have been over 2,000 recorded degrees of Masonry over the centuries. Will Capitular Masonry live and grow as a great force for peace, brotherhood and good will on earth, or will it fall into disuse as have so many other Masonic degrees? You and I, my beloved companions must, by our efforts, decide that question now, because the answer will not wait indefinitely. 'Will we go up? We will go up, God willing.'"

Elections—

Grand High Priest: M. Ex. Comp. Andrew H. Bulkley.

Grand Secretary: M. Ex. Comp. Antonio Gonzalez, Sr.

Philippines (1966)

The 14th Annual Convocation of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the Republic of the Philippines was held at Manila, on April 29, 1966.

Chapters 21; membership 1965 — 1,074; net gain 40.

Grand High Priest: M. Ex. Comp. Andrew H. Bulkley.

Grand Secretary: M. Ex. Comp. Antonio Gonzalez, Sr.

The G.H.P. in his address stated, in part:

"My Companions, I regret that I was unable to accomplish many of the projects which in my inaugural address I promised to do. My failure to do so was due to many circumstances over many of which I had no control. As you can well imagine the war has greatly increased the work load on Okinawa for all government employees connected with my supply. . . ."

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Referring to reports to Grand Chapter he stated:

"My companions, I feel very strongly on this subject. Because two of our chapters failed to send in reports, I can not give you an accurate report. It is believed the jurisdiction will show a slight increase. I hope so. Okinawa I am very happy to say shows a net increase of 16. To me there appears to be no excuse for failure to send in the required reports and on time. No administrative body can possibly function efficiently without necessary feeder information. I re-

mind our High Priests that this is very much a part of their job and I charge the Excellent Sirs to see to it the actual status of our jurisdiction so far as is known, will be given in detail by the Right Excellent Companions, the Grand Treasurer and Secretary a little later."

The Grand Orator, Comp. Apolonio V. Pisig, in his Oration presented many Masonic gems, as will be seen from the following quotations therefrom:

"To be able to equip ourselves with strong moral and physical strength to combat all evils in this transitory world we must have a strong faith in the I Am that I Am. Never forget to invoke his blessings in any important undertaking. Faith in the Great I Am made Moses renounce the throne and wealth of Egypt. Weymouth has translated faith this way. "Now faith is the confident assurance of that for which we hope, a conviction of the reality of things which we do not see.' Faith literally means 'to give up, surrender, or commit.'"

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"Faith in God, belief in truth, and the act of righteousness have inspired liberty loving peoples to have mustered courage that overcome fear in their revolts to overthrow the rule of tyrants."

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"We are Freemasons and Christians of that. That lamentable situation obtaining in our country today is a challenge to us. Let us have courage in this time of fear and rally to the need of our country. Let us contribute our time, material possessions, and influences in our respective communities, to combat smuggling, to discourage, may stop corruption in all forms, and let us all rally to the battle cry of President Ferdinand E. Marcos of making this 'Country Great Again.' We, who have faith in God, must fear not what man could do unto us."

The newly installed G.H.P. in his Inaugural Address issued a great challenge, as will be seen from the following extract:

"My companions, I do not have any project to pursue to completion for this capitular year. There is one thing, however, that I will request my worthy companions of the subordinate chapters, to make our convocations more inspiring and animating rather than mere get-together our simple function provided by our by-laws that must be done. Our rituals and ceremonies should be conducted with dignity and performed with seriousness, sincerity and solemnity that all may be informed with the sanctity of the tenets and principles of Royal Arch Masonry. On this premise, I enjoin all my companions to practice more brotherhood in the hall of our chapters as well as in the community we live. The brotherhood where the 'rich and the poor meet together; the Lord is the maker of them all. Have we not all one father? hath not one God created us? why do we deal treacherously every man against his brother.' The brotherhood where there 'is neither Jew or Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female, for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.' With your high degree of masonic knowledge and experience, I entertain no doubt that you will be able to display that tenet of brotherly love and affection. and be able to diffuse the light to the brethren who need them. Be like a river that sends water into the lakes and seas. In like manner, it must certainly originate from you my companions, officers of the subordinate chapters, that water of inspiration and motivation for the proper performance and accomplishment of all tasks. This type of leadership with a firm determination to perform the assigned task, when tempered with brotherly affection, will accomplish all things. All worth while work and vital projects will in themselves be the basic

sparks from which spring the flame of success."

Elections—

Grand High Priest: M. Ex. Comp. Eliseo P. David.

Grand Secretary: M. Ex. Comp. Antonio Gongalez, Sr.

Quebec

The 89th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Quebec was held in Montreal, on March 23, 1966.

Chapters 27; membership December 31, 1965—3,182; net loss 54.

Grand First Principal: M. Ex. Comp. George Silverman.

Grand Scribe E.: M. Ex. Comp. H. Wall Clarke.

The Grand Z. indicated by his address that he had applied himself with great zeal and fidelity to the demands of his office. We in this Grand Jurisdiction remember him with great regard.

His recommendations are worthy of note, as will be seen by the following:

"I would be remiss if I did not raise my voice for a better understanding between all Masonic bodies. A closer liaison between us certainly would go a long way for the advancement of Masonry generally.

Regulations of Grand Chapter — Regalia

"No honorary or other jewel or emblem shall be worn which shall not appertain to, or be consistent with, those degrees which are recognized and acknowledged by the Grand Chapter.

"In view of the above, permission is granted to wear jewel or emblems which are recognized and acknowledged by this Grand Chapter at Chapter meetings.

"The First, Second, and Third Principals of a Chapter are enjoined to visit other Chapters as often as they conveniently can, in order that the same usages and customs may be observed throughout the Craft, and a better understanding be thereby cultivated among Royal Arch Masons.

"I cannot too strongly recommend that a closer attention be paid to suspensions and withdrawals. It is by these two items that we are losing so many members. I strongly urge that all Chapters appoint three diplomatic and discreet members to investigate withdrawals and suspensions. Extreme care should be exercised to ensure the fact that no one may be unduly embarrassed."

Elections—

Grand First Principal: M. Ex. Comp. W. Gordon Parker.

Grand Scribe E.: M. Ex. Comp. H. Wall Clarke.

Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

The 169th Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Rhode Island and Province Plantations was held in Providence, on March 5, 1966.

Chapters 15, membership January 31, 1966—3,982; net loss 168.

Grand High Priest: M. Ex. Comp. George C. Bischoff.

Grand Secretary: R. Ex. Comp. Luther C. Homan.

Your Reviewer notes with pleasure the following:

"The new Canadian Flag, which was presented to the Grand Chapter by Companion George Silverman, First Grand Principal, in behalf of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Quebec, was presented before the Altar and the Companions sang one verse of 'God Save the Queen'.

The G.H.P., in opening his address, stated in part:

"Our Convocation has a three-fold purpose: to review our year's labor and accomplishments, to reset or check our sights on our future objectives and to enjoy the glow of warm friendship always present when Companions of the Royal Arch get together."

It is interesting, also, to observe the following:

"I had hoped that the membership this year would show no drop and reverse the trend, but it has not done so and I am sorry to inform you that the membership statistics show a net loss of 168 members. This is bad news as it is more than we showed last year. I believe that if all work hard for new candidates we can reverse this loss trend in the coming year. This problem is not ours alone as it occurs in some of the other Grand Jurisdictions, and other Fraternal Organizations.

"The problem of attendance at meetings is always with us. Masonry is competing with many outside interests and I feel we must streamline Masonry to keep up the interest of our members in attending their Chapter meetings. There are many things that can be done but not all of them are helpful to all Chapters."

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"The prompt opening of the meetings and the closing of the meetings as early as possible is also helpful. This is not always done. The work I have observed has been good and the candidates seemed to be interested in it and enjoyed it. I feel sure that in most cases the officers work very hard to see that their degree work is good, and interesting to their members, and also inspiring to their candidates. Each High Priest should try different things to improve attendance at his meetings."

The Committee on Fraternal Correspondence reported an interesting item, namely:

"There are approximately 660,000 Royal Arch Masons in the U.S.A."

Elections—

Grand High Priest: M. Ex. Comp. Potter H. Niles.

Grand Secretary: R. Ex. Comp. Luther C. Homan.

Saskatchewan

The 43rd Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Saskatchewan was held in Regina, on May 28, 1966.

Chapters 30; membership December 31, 1965—2,988; net gain 2.

Grand First Principal: M. Ex. Comp. L. J. Conn.

Grand Scribe E.: M. Ex. Comp. H. K. Halldorson

The following is, in my judgment, particularly worthy of attention:

"PRESENTATION OF FLAGS

"The new Canadian Flag and the Stars and Stripes of the U.S.A. were presented by two Royal Arch Mason members of the R.C.M.P.

"Dressed in the ceremonial scarlet tunic uniform, Staff Sgt. D. Lemieux and Constable L. Mosher of the R.C.M.P., presented, with military precision, the flags in a most impressive and dignified manner. Tributes as follows were given:

"CANADIAN FLAG

"As our beloved country, achieving full nationhood under God, deeply aware of the contribution made by man cultures brought here from many lands, together with a rich heritage from its two founding nations, is being molded into one united Canada, from the Atlantic to the Pacific, a red and white flag emerges.

"May the red, symbolic of warm feeling each toward the other and the many sacrifices in blood and service given to build this nation; and the white symbolic of rectitude of conduct, continue to motivate our every action so that the ten component provinces and the whole, may together set an example to all the world of how people of diverse origins may live together in peace and harmony, based on mutual trust and respect each for the other. May our Maple Leaf Flag achieve the status of a living symbol, embodying the highest ideals known to man, and respected by all.

— So mote it be—

"AMERICAN FLAG

I now present the Flag of the United States of America — The Stars and Stripes. As its stripes represent the original thirteen States and its stars represent the thirty-seven other States which have been added successively to the Grand Republic, so may it continue to grow in the respect of other nations and in its powerful support of freedom the wide world over.

"The flag which I now present is a ceremonial flag, the Gift of the Companions of North Dakota and expresses not only their patriotism but also their regard and affection for their Companions in Saskatchewan.

"I join with my Companion Flag Bearer and add this thought, 'Wherever the Stars and Stripes and the Canadian Flag float, may they, with one voice blazon forth a sure pledge of Liberty, Equality, and Fraternity for all peoples everywhere. In the unity of that pledge, long may they wave.'

That the Grand Z. was seized with zeal and devotion is best shown from the following extract from his address:

"I had the privilege and pleasure of a Fraternal Visit to each and all of the Constituent Chapters in the past fourteen months with the exception of Prince Albert No. 2. I will make a point of visiting Prince Albert this fall. I also intend to revisit District No. 2 as these visits were made just before I was installed as Grand Z. I planned a visitation with them during the past winter but due to the inclement weather, I was unable to do so . . ."

And finally:

"There has been no problem presented to me, as Grand First Principal, that was not easily covered by our Constitution and Regulations.

"I was not called upon to settle any dispute and have no reason to believe that anything other than peace and harmony prevails throughout the Jurisdiction.

"We followed the precedent of the last two years by holding a meeting of the Grand Superintendents in the Grand Scribe E.'s office and having a workshop, where the Superintendents were again instructed in their duties with many points ironed out I feel this year's workshop was well worthwhile. After seeing the good work done by these Superintendents, I would strongly recommend the continuance of these annual workshops."

It is significant that the Committee on Capitular Masonry reported, in part, as follows:

"It is the belief of your Committee that, the cycle which we are going through at present, is slowly reversing itself and Capitular Masonry is attracting members of a very high calibre. We especially note that many young men are joining our ranks, which we feel is a very good sign for a continuing prosperity. Of course, there still remains a lot to be done and all Companions are urged to keep up the

good work. It is especially urged that the Chapter Convocations be made as interesting as possible, the work spread as much as the Constitution allows. Many of our Chapters have fallen into the habit of letting the same P.Z. do the work all the time."

Elections—

Grand First Principal: M. Ex. Comp. G. L. Cook.

Grand Scribe E.: M. Ex. Comp. H. K. Halldorson

Scotland

The Regular Quarterly meetings of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland were held in the Royal Arch Freemasons' Hall, Edinburgh.

First Grand Principal: M. Ex. Comp. The Rt. Hon. The Earl of Galloway, L.L., J.P.

Grand Scribe E.: M. Ex. Comp. Thomas McFarlane.

The meeting of Friday, Sept. 17, 1965, records:

"The Grand Director of Ceremonies presented to the M.E. First Grand Principal M.E. Companion E. Beaver, Honorary Grand H, Past District Grand Scribe E. of New South Wales; M.E. Companion W. Stephen, Past Grand H. of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Queensland; M.E. Companion A. J. Bruning, Past First Principal of Chapter Canterbury Kilwinning, No. 136, Christchurch, New Zealand; M.E. Companion A. J. Corbett, Past First Principal of Chapter Lusaka, No. 769, Lusaka, Zambia."

The First Grand Principal reported fully on his extensive visit to South Africa, Rhodesia and Zambia. Space precludes full publication of this most interesting report but obviously the visitation proved to be one which made a profound impression on the companions, but most demanding on the Grand Z., although a most rewarding and gratifying experience for him.

We recall with a great deal of pride and pleasure the visit of the Earl of Galloway to us at the time of our Centennial Grand Chapter Convocation. He has indeed set an example to all by his dedication and devotion to Freemasonry.

The conclusion of the Grand Z.'s report also reflects his greatness, and I quote:

"This was a particularly happy tour. It was my third visit to these countries where I renewed many friendships and felt that it was almost like going home.

"I was especially glad to go this year, since it thus gave Grand Scribe E. an early opportunity of meeting our Companions overseas on their own terrain and getting to know personally so many District Scribes and Scribes of Chapters. They have much mutual correspondence and it will be a great help both to Grand Scribe E. and to them now that they have met and know each other personally.

"I must thank most sincerely all the Companions and their ladies of the various districts we visited for their great hospitality and kindness and for the wonderful friendship they gave to us.

"I understand that arrangements are being made by a number of Companions and their wives in South Africa, Rhodesia and Zambia to charter a plane and visit Scotland next summer. I can assure them in advance that a very warm welcome awaits them from their Scottish friends.

"I cannot close this report without expressing my sincere thanks to Grand Scribe E. whose unfailing courtesy and consideration to Lady Galloway and myself made this particular tour so pleasant and easy for us."

The Grand Superintendent of Transvaal, in his report, stated in part:

"During the last twelve months many of our Companions have been called to their last rest — one in particular will be sadly missed by all, namely, M.E. Companion W. Laird, who carried the office of Grand Scribe E. with considerable tolerance, affection and understanding . . ."

We, in Canada, feel likewise, and say a sincere 'Amen' to the foregoing.

The report of a Special Meeting of the Supreme Committee, held on March 18, 1966, contains the following:

"M.E. Companion W. S. Dick, Grand Director of Ceremonies then announced:—I hereby proclaim Most Excellent Companion The Right Honourable Randolph Algernon Ronald Stewart, Twelfth Earl of Galloway, Twelfth Baron of Garlies, Sixth Baron Stewart of Garlies, Eleventh Baronet of Corsewell, Ninth Baronet of Burrey, Hon. Colonel King's Own Scottish Borderers, late Captain Scots Guards, Her Majesty's Lieutenant and Justice of the Peace for the Stewarty of Cirkcudbright, Right Worshipful Past Grand Master Mason of Scotland, duly re-installed as Most Excellent First Grand Principal and I call upon all Royal Arch Masons throughout the world who owe allegiance to the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland, to pay due obedience to their newly re-installed First Grand Principal, in token whereof I now call on the Companions present, as their representatives, to signify that loyalty and obedience by saluting him three times in the Royal Arch Degree, taking their time from me."

The Rt. Hon. The Earl of Galloway has served in the office of First Grand Principal continuously since 1953.

South Carolina

The 155 Annual Convocation of the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of South Carolina was held at Greenville, on March 15, 1966.

Chapters 32; membership February 28, 1966—6,913; net gain 294.

Grand High Priest: M. Ex. Comp. Joe F. Edmonds.

Grand Secretary: M. Ex. Comp. Hugh N. Layne.

The Grand High Priest in his address stated, in part:

"At the beginning of the year, I told all the Officers, both elective and appointive, that I could not improve on the programs outlined by those who had preceded me. I re-emphasized these programs and asked each officer to continue them and stress them in the subordinate Chapters. I made one special request and that was that we place a great deal of emphasis on enlisting the younger men, giving them responsibilities, assisting them in learning the work and utilizing their youth and enthusiasm. I think we have made some progress along these lines."

He also stated:

"From reports of District Deputies, my own observations, and the reports of the various committees, I believe we can conclude that Capital Masonry as well as all York Rite Masonry is on the move. Most of the subordinate Chapters are working getting new members as well as improving in presenting the work. I cannot paint the picture too bright regarding the quality of the work, but I am quite sure that progress is being made and as we train and encourage the younger men it will continue to improve. We still have the problem of N.P.D.'s, but we hope that we can improve this. I would like to remind you that any progress we can report is not due to the efforts of any one Administration or any one year. It is the accumulation of all the efforts of all

the Companions throughout the years and we feel sure that these efforts will bear more and more fruit as time goes on."

Elections—

Grand High Priest: M. Ex. Comp. W. Jay Horne.

Grand Secretary: M. Ex. Comp. Hugh N. Layne.

Tennessee

The 137th Annual Convocation of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Tennessee was held at Nashville, on March 21st and 22nd, 1966.

Chapters 85; U.D. 1; membership December 31, 1965—16,680; net loss 200.

Grand High Priest: M. Ex. Comp. States Miller Welborn.

Acting Grand Secretary: M. Ex. Comp. Wallace Phelan Douglas.

The Grand Secretary Thomas Earl Doss was unable to attend because of illness.

The G.H.P. was favorably impressed with the results of York Rite Festivals as will be seen from the following excerpts from his Address:

"Even a casual glance at the figures below showing the results of York Rite Festivals held this year compared with last year's totals will indicate the importance of our York Rite Festivals and York Rite Associations. In my opinion, which has been formed after observing these Festivals since they were started in 1950, the future of the York Rite depends upon these and similar meetings where candidates are received in classes. We should not let this take the place of the work in individual Chapters, if it is done well, but if the degrees cannot be conferred in an impressive manner in the local Chapter, it is far better to take candidates to a group meeting, large or small, where they will be impressed by good degree work and fraternal association with other Companions."

The Grand Secretary made this potent observation in his report:

" . . . Again let us urge you to make every effort NOW to collect 1966 dues, and do not suspend any member until he is contacted personally if at all possible. Don't expect your secretary to do all the collecting. Give him some help and appoint other Companions to contact delinquent members."

Elections—

Grand High Priest: M. Ex. Comp. Russell Ballou Tandy.

Grand Secretary: M. Ex. Comp. Wallace Phelan Douglas.

Texas

The 116th Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas was held at Waco, on November 29th and 30th, 1965.

Chapters 228; membership June 24, 1965—45,824; net loss 723.

Grand High Priest: M. Ex. Comp. C. C. Sherrod.

Grand Secretary: M. Ex. Comp. E. S. Winfree, Jr.

The Grand Master, Most Wor. Bro. J. Carroll Hinsley, in his address to the Convocation made many significant statements, some of which I quote:

" . . . We are a group of Brethren who are bound together by a common belief, that whether we are members only, if you want to put it that way, of one of our Blue Lodges or if you are one of the Brethren who is a York Rite Mason or a Scottish Rite Mason, or whether you have taken some of the other various works that take you into some of the other organizations, basically and fundamentally you started out with a few simple beliefs which are embraced in Freemasonry. We can recount

them rather quickly this morning, those things which you were required to assert and to believe in before you joined this great Fraternity which stretches across the face of America today. You had to express a belief in a living Creator, the one God, you had to express and declare a belief in the immortality of the soul and implicitly you had to express a belief in the Brotherhood of Man and Infinitely more important, the Fatherhood of God. Bound together by these few fundamental truths and beliefs, you were admitted into an organization which embraces men of every station, men of every business and profession, men of every age, into one group which has but one ultimate and common purpose and this purpose is to make good men better, for the improvement of the individual and the advancement of society. This has been the one purpose of Masonry from the very earliest foundation of Masonry as we know it, from the earliest dawn of recorded history, this has been the expressed purpose of our Fraternity."

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"Now we must, in our Fraternity today, if we are to survive and justify the place we occupy, we must in some manner or other rekindle in our hearts and in our minds an enthusiasm for the things that we have cherished down through the years. We must not be afraid to take a stand, and we must not hesitate to say what we stand for, and if we do that we will regenerate in our minds and thoughts and conscious a new enthusiasm for these things that have made us great, we are not going to need any public relations programs, we are not going to need any membership campaigns, because this enthusiasm and once this rededication permeates our Organizations, we are going to have a resurgence of interest in our Fraternity such as the world has never known."

The address of the G.H.P. indicates that he spent a most demanding and satisfactory tenure of office, and made many visitations in his jurisdiction to promote and arouse enthusiasm in the Royal Craft.

The address of the Grand Orator contains many Masonic gems but his recorded Masonic history is particularly noteworthy and should give all Companions reason for further pride in the Royal Craft, as will be seen from the following:

"There were two Grand Lodges in England: The Anciens (sometimes called Antiens) and the Moderns. On December 13, 1813, they united to form the Grand Lodge of England, through the good offices and officers of the Red Cross of Constantine, whose membership was found in both former Grand Lodges.

"Article II of the Articles of Agreement uniting the two Grand Lodges reads:

"That Ancient Craft Masonry consists of three degrees and no more—namely those of the Entered Apprentice, the Fellowcraft and the Master Mason, including the Supreme Order of the Holy Royal Arch; but this article is not intended to prevent any Lodge or Chapter from holding a meeting in any of the Degrees of the Order of Chivalry according to the constitution of said Orders.

"The earliest recorded mention of the Royal Arch was of Degrees conferred in London in 1740 and York was considered its place of origin. Records of Lodge No. 21 at Youghal, Ireland, show where the Royal Arch was carried in procession in 1743. Baron Hinde, outstanding German Masonic Scholar of the 18th Century, wrote: 'The great and rapid progress of Freemasonry on the European Continent (after 1717 A.D.) was largely due to the efforts of the Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine.'

"The earliest known date in America is found in the minutes of the Fredericksburg Lodge in Virginia, which states that on December 22,

1753, three Brethren were raised to the Degree of Royal Arch Masons. According to the other records, Royal Arch Masonry was operative in Florida prior to 1783. The oldest Chapter in New York State is the Ancient No. 1, founded in about 1783. Halifax, Nova Scotia, exalted Royal Arch Masons as early as July 26, 1800.

"Royal Arch Masonry came to Texas in about 1850. Our Texas Grand Chapter was first visited by Dr. (Companion) John C. Gordy of Louisiana at its Annual Convocation in Brenham in 1852. There Companion Gordy exemplified the work and lectures of the Capitular Degrees of the General Grand Chapter as promulgated at its Tri-annual Session in Boston in September 1850."

And finally:

"As Mason we should stand fast in the faith of God as taught by our Masonic forefathers and the Eternal Truths contained in the Bible, 'The Great Light in Masonry'. One of Brother Winston Churchill's forebears of some 300 years ago, an officer in the British Army, sometime after a great victory by England penned these words:

'God and the soldier we both adore
In time of danger, but not before.
When danger is past and all is righted
God is forgotten and the soldier is slighted.'

"Is not this also true of America today? And why all the quest for material wealth and pleasure to the neglect of our soul's spiritual treasure and peace?"

This Reviewer has noted the report of Capitular Review by Companion Allie S. Noble and expresses grateful acknowledgment of his kindly and encouraging observations regarding our efforts on Reviews. His expressions are most heartily reciprocated.

Elections—

Grand High Priest: M. Ex. Comp. C. A. Hayes.

Grand Secretary: M. Ex. Comp. E. S. Winfree, Jr.

Utah

The 55th Annual Convocation of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Utah, was held at Price, on May 9th and 10th, 1966.

Chapters 7; membership April 15, 1,337; net loss 5.

Grand High Priest: M. Ex. Comp. Lamar H. Jones.

Grand Secretary: M. Ex. Comp. Paul B. Pickering.

The G.H.P., in opening his address, stated:

"One year ago when you elevated me to this station of honor and esteem I thanked you. Today, I can repeat with even greater enthusiasm a deeper thanks. I was appreciative of the confidence placed in me, but little did I realize that some 10,000 miles later and nine out-of-state visitations could I make so many wonderful friends. The small amount of York Rite Masonry I have sown, has brought forth to me such an abundant yield, my wish now is that may the future allow me to spread it among others with the sincerity and vigor I have witnessed older and wiser Masons to exemplify."

And finally:

"The membership of York Rite Masonry and Masonry in general is a perplexing problem wherever I have sojourned this past year. It appears that we should have a greater rise in York Rite membership than we do, as we are capturing only a small per cent of the blue lodge membership.

"Let each one of us as a York Rite Mason do our part in selling

York Rite Masonry to the Blue Lodge Mason. I can assure you he will be thankful to you for this.

"After you have gained new candidates and unfolded to him the beautiful lessons of York Rite Masonry, make special effort to see that his welcome does not end with his initiation."

Elections—

Grand High Priest: M. Ex. Comp. Aaron Hey.

Grand Secretary: M. Ex. Comp. Paul B. Pickering.

Vermont

The 149th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Vermont was held at Burlington, on June 14, 1966.

Chapters 26; membership April 30, 1966—3,576; net loss 128.

Grand High Priest: M. Ex. Comp. Huntress T. Clark.

Grand Secretary: M. Ex. Comp. D. Burleigh Smalley, Jr.

I note with interest the following from the Address of the G.H.P.:

"On May 13-14, 1966, I visited the Grand Chapter of New Hampshire at Wolfeboro, N.H., where I had the honor and privilege of meeting our General Grand High Priest, Most Excellent William F. Clark and the Grand High Priests and Representatives of several of our Sister Jurisdictions. Also, Comp. Sherman Parsons, at the ripe old age of 104, believed to be the oldest Mason living . . .

"As you will note from our Grand Lecturer's report, I visited all District Meetings and witnessed some fine degree work.

The Grand Lecturer in his report had this to say, and I quote in part:

"I am sure that it is not the job of the Grand Lecturer to make recommendations, however, it is my honest opinion that caputular masonry would do well to consider the forming of degree teams throughout the state, so that every candidate would go away from the degrees not just as another Companion but as a salesman for the Chapter."

Elections—

Grand High Priest: M. Ex. Comp. Reginald A. Barnard.

Grand Secretary: M. Ex. Comp. D. Burleigh Smalley, Jr.

Victoria (Australia)

The Quarterly Convocations of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Victoria were held at Freemasons' Hall, Melbourne.

Chapters 112; membership December 31, 1965—10,450; net loss 77.

First Grand Principal: M. Em. Comp. Rev. C. T. F. Goy

Grand Scribe E' M. Em. Comp. H. O. Thomas.

In his Communication to the Companions at the Quarterly Convocation of April 21, 1965, The Grand Z. stated, in part:

"It is with mixed feelings that I commence to pen this communication to my Companions of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Victoria. Firstly one of sorrow that this will be the last in my present capacity as your First Grand Principal. On the very night when this is read, I shall be relinquishing my office as your leader. It is not easy to vacate a position from which the powers and prerogatives depart at the expiration of its tenure, but on the other hand it is a great comfort to know that honor and dignity forever remain. It has indeed been a wonderful two years, filled with sheer joy and inspiration; a great privilege which I know will ever be deeply and indelibly recorded upon the grateful tablets of my memory."

"I have not a little satisfaction in the knowledge that our beloved Order has made real progress in recent years; that certain changes in our ceremonial which I had the honour to introduce are proving to be of value; and that we are in good heart throughout our jurisdiction.

"Even if it is with a degree of sorrow that I surrender my authority to my successor, I feel at the same time I can do so with much confidence and satisfaction."

Elections—

First Grand Principal: M. Em. Comp. A. J. R. Matthews.

Grand Scribe E' M. Em. Comp. H. O. Thomas.

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The Grand Z at the Quarterly Convocation of October 21, 1965 said, in part:

"In welcoming you to this Convocation of Grand Chapter let me express my pleasure at the increased interest which is apparent in almost every Chapter in the Territory. This is evident by the attendances at the various functions. Considerable thought has been given to making the Installation Ceremony more interesting to the Companions. Under the revised working those below the rank of Installed Principals are permitted to witness much more of the ceremony. I would therefore urge that Companions be encouraged to be early on nights of Installation and so be able to take advantage of this privilege.

"To those Eminent Companions who are sacrificing their time and talents to further the spiritual values of our Order I pay special tribute. For many months this aspect of the Holy Royal Arch has been diligently fostered by R. Em. Comp. W. H. Sweeting, P.G.J., who on many occasions has visited Chapters in all parts of the State. This was ably followed up during September by M. Em. Comp. Rev. C. T. F. Goy, P.G.S., who journeyed to Portland and Sale, where he addressed large gatherings of Freemasons."

Many of us in the Grand Chapter of Canada in the Province of Ontario remember with great joy the visit of R. Em. Comp. W. H. Sweeting at the time of our Centennial Celebration, when he and Mrs. Sweeting gained for themselves our most affectionate regard and R. Em. Comp. Sweeting was then honored when we bestowed upon him the Honorary rank of Past Grand Principal Sojourner, so he is an Honorary member of our Grand Chapter.

The Grand Z. made a noteworthy observation at the Quarterly Convocation of January 19, 1966:

"The Companions will have noticed from time to time in the Sister Grand Chapter correspondence reference being made to the appointment of Grand Representatives both near this and near other Grand Chapters. Apart from correspondence they may receive from the Grand Body which they represent, their regular attendance at the Convocations of Grand Chapter implies that the recipient is conscious of the compliment given by his appointment. Properly understood, the exchange of Grand Representatives between Grand Bodies in Masonry is not the meaningless custom which, I am afraid, so many suppose. The presence in Grand Chapter of these commissioned representatives of Sister Jurisdictions ought to be a constant reminder that, though possessing sovereign and unquestioned authority within our own Territory, we are but one link in the chain of the world wide Royal Arch, bound to promote its solidarity and maintain its prestige and dignity. Whatever we may do to emphasise the theory that the conduct of our ceremonies, the enactment of our Laws, and our general procedure are being carried out under the eyes of Sister Grand Chapters must surely tend to broaden our outlook and make for the betterment of this Supreme Order. We are in fraternal relationship with more than seventy Grand Chapters, all

of whom, with one exception, exchange Representatives, and I am proud to say that in this Grand Chapter they are always well represented."

Elections—January 19, 1966.

First Grand Principal: M. Em. Comp. Albert J. R. Matthews.

Grand Scribe E' M. Em. Comp. H. O. Thomas.

Virginia

The 158th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in the Commonwealth of Virginia was held in Richmond, October 26th and 27th, 1965.

Chapters 60 & 1 U.D.; membership September 30, 1965 — 17,814; net gain 87.

Grand High Priest: M. Ex. Comp. R. Garnett Bledsoe, Jr.

Grand Secretary: R. Ex. Comp. Carl Wood.

The following will be found interesting and informative, and found in the Proceedings:

"Royal Arch Masonry was practiced and taught in Virginia during much of the 18th century. The first documentary evidence of the conferring of the Royal Arch Degree to be found in the world is in the possession of Fredericksburg Lodge, No. 4, at Fredericksburg, Va., and bears the date of December 22, 1753. At that time, the Royal Arch was certainly attached to the work of a regular lodge, and the work was done under the Authority of a Masters' Warrant. It soon became evident, however, that because of the growing number of Chapters and the increasing membership, some specific rules and regulations were needed for the internal government of Royal Arch Chapters.

"A Convention of Royal Arch Masons, representing various Chapters in the State, was held in the Borough of Norfolk on May 3, 1806. There were representatives present from Norfolk and Richmond Chapters only, although the Chapters at Staunton and Dumfries had signified their approval of the idea of a Grand Chapter. Notwithstanding the absence of a quorum, it was thought wise to appoint a committee to draft a plan for the government of a Grand Chapter. Such a committee was appointed; a plan was submitted, discussed, and adopted. Among other items, it provided that 'as soon as three of the above-named Chapters shall have ratified this Constitution (either with or without amendments), notice thereof shall be given to the several Chapters, — and a place for the holding of the first General Assembly shall be appointed.'

"The first Assembly was held in Mason's Hall, Norfolk, Va., on Monday, May 2, 1808. The meeting was called for May 1, 1808, but since that date was Sunday, the meeting seemingly did not begin until Monday, May 2, 1808.

"The aforementioned Constitution having been ratified by the Chapters of Norfolk, Richmond, and Staunton, the companions present, after producing authenticated copies of their appointment by the several Chapters represented, proceeded to organize the Grand Chapter of Virginia. Temporary officers were selected, and a Chapter was opened in solemn form. This meeting was held on Wednesday, May 4, 1808."

A Special Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held on July 21, 1965 for a most interesting and significant occasion, namely, and I quote:

"The Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons in Virginia was opened in Solemn Form by Rt. Ex. William E. Norman, Grand King, acting as

Grand High Priest, Grand High Priest R. Garnett Bledsoe being confined to his home by illness.

"The Grand High Priest pro-tem stated that the Special Convocation had been called by order of Grand High Priest Bledsoe to receive and honor the visiting Companions from Scotland who were here to exemplify the Royal Arch Degree according to the Ritual of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland."

The welcome extended to these distinguished guests is, in part, and I quote:

"The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in the Commonwealth of Virginia welcomes you on this historic occasion. We thank God that we are still privileged to meet and fraternize openly and without fear of molestation. It is even more significant that our two Nations can meet here on the square and in harmony, in that continuing heritage based on integrity of character upon which our Nations have been built.

"America is proud of those early intrepid Colonists, many of whom, especially in this area, brought with them from Scotland those basic and sound principles which have pointed the way so clearly, to greatness and freedom. You have just heard us pay tribute to that Star Spangled Banner of these United States of America. We are ever mindful that there is a bit of Scotland in that flag.

"Many of our Past Grand High Priests and Companions of this Grand Chapter were of Scot lineage and have left their mark upon us. They were among our best. There is a bit of Scotland in this Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in Virginia, also.

"To our Scot Forefathers we owe a debt of gratitude for that large part they played in the promulgation and perpetuation of the wonders and mysteries of Masonry through the ages, — the preservation of those ancient landmarks so inherent in Fellowship and Friendship. Yes, we are told that Friendship was the peculiar characteristic of Ancient Craft Masonry, even before the existence of organized Lodges as such, or before any ritual was developed; that small bands of right thinking men bound themselves together for their own protection and blessing through Friendship.

"We are told of their origins under Scottish influence, of the Royal Arch and Mark degrees, and it is said the Mark degree is more ancient, even, than the degree of Master Mason. The oldest discovered record of a 'Mark' is December 12, 1598, of a Conference of Operative Masons held in Holyrod Palace, Edinburgh, Scotland. We trust and hope we may be privileged to witness at your hands some day, the Mark Degrees as it is conferred in Scotland."

The following is of special note:

"The Special Grand Convocation was opened by the Grand King, Right Excellent William E. Norman, in the absence of the Grand High Priest who was hospitalized. After the Grand Chapter was opened, the same Virginia Craftsmen who had carried the colors during thier visit to Scotland marched in with the flags as Robert McCarroll of Scotland piped 'Scotland the Brave.' All present joined in singing 'The Star Spangled Banner' and 'God Save the Queen.' The color bearers were Excellent Thomas L. Zirkle, American Flag; Companion W. Leslie Gray, Royal Standard of Scotland; Excellent Maynard K. Hawkins, Virginia State flag; and Companion Warren W. Jansch, Virginia Craftsmen Standard.

"The acting Grand High Priest welcomed the visitors from Scotland and appointed a Committee composed of Right Excellent James

H. Tyree and Companion Allen E. Roberts to present Right Excellent Dougal MacIntyre and the Scottish Degree Team at the Altar and then in the Grand East. The Convocation was then turned over to the Scottish Companions . . .

"The 800 odd Companions present gave the Team a standing ovation at the conclusion of its Work. What the members of the Team did was made even more outstanding when it was explained that no two members belong to the same Chapter, and in Scotland each Chapter is allowed to vary its ritual.

"Rt. Ex. Companion MacIntyre presented Rt. Ex. Companion Norman for delivery to Grand High Priest Bledsoe a beautiful solid gold medal, struck especially for the 1965 Visitation to America. Only seven were made, six of them for Virginians. He then presented acting Grand High Priest Norman with a book of poems written by the Scottish Mason Robert Burns. Special medallions were presented to the Committee that made the arrangements for the Special Grand Convocation."

The Grand Chapter of Canada in the Province of Ontario was represented at the 158th Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Virginia by our Grand Z., Most Excellent Companion James E. Girven, and the following will give pleasure and pride to our Companions:

"Mt. Ex. James E. Girven, Grand Z. of the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario was extended the privilege of the floor. He conveyed the greetings of the Companions from the Dominion of Canada and stated that Canada had adopted a new flag. M. Ex. Maurice A. Searle, Grand Z. in 1958 had presented the Grand Chapter of Virginia a Union Jack on behalf of Past Grand Z. John Loftus House. He further stated that, at this time, it was his desire to present The Grand Chapter of Virginia the new Canadian Flag.

"An escort was provided by Grand High Priest Bledsoe to conduct Mt. Ex. Companion Girven to the Altar where the new Flag was unfurled and exhibited. The Flag was placed in the East and Grand High Priest Bledsoe accepted it for Grand Chapter expressing the thanks of the Companions of Virginia to Companion Girven for the presentation.

"Rt. Ex. Companion William E. Norman, Grand King of the Grand Chapter was recognized at this time and stated that he, having been born in Canada, was very happy to see the Flags of his native and adopted Country standing side by side to show that we walk in freedom and peace, with faith, hope and charity, the trust and freedom for all mankind."

The following, expressed by Most Wor. Walter Albert Porter, Grand Master of Masons in Virginia, should be remembered and practiced by all:

". . . We have a lack of communication between the various bodies, a lack of proper Masonic etiquette, a lack of understanding of Masonic protocol.

"Our first allegiance is to Symbolic Masonry, and this is a truism that all Bodies should remember remains paramount. The Grand Master is, and rightfully so, the Master of all Masons within a given jurisdiction, and his authority is supreme. Yet this does not prohibit all Bodies in the right direction from working side by side so long as the motives are in consideration for the welfare of the total institution. I fear that far too many who have taken membership in the so-

called higher bodies have forgotten their allegiance to the Symbolic Lodge and no longer offer their leadership to the Lodge in which they hold their membership, thereby losing their influence for the benefit of all concerned. We must never attempt to change Freemasonry but strive to change ourselves by Freemasonry.

"I am wholeheartedly in favor of the brethren of the Symbolic Lodge furthering their Masonic knowledge by receiving the degrees in the other Bodies, but I do think that he should not be diverted from learning the basic meanings of Blue Lodge Masonry until he has had ample opportunity to do so. One who has been exposed to the real truths of Freemasonry will not conduct himself in any manner that would detract from his membership in the other Bodies. Masonry's modern mission is the teaching of character and morality, the making of good men better. This applies to any Masonic organization or organization composed of Masons.

"We must strive to produce an improved image of Freemasonry for the benefit of the public. The conduct of one brother may defeat the efforts of many good men. Also, there are many organizations and movements that are presently striving to bring the word Mason into disgrace in the public mind, and some who would destroy both Freemasonry and the Church. Let us be ever ready and willing to put our hands to the plow to protect and promote these two — the greatest of all our institutions."

The G.H.P. revealed in his address that he had discharged his responsibilities with great zeal, and certainly had met the great demands made upon him. The following quotes from his address are particularly significant:

"Pursuant to Section 31 of the Digest, it now becomes my duty to render to you an account of my stewardship. First, allow me to express my appreciation for the honor of serving as your Grand High Priest, and as such, affording me the opportunity of being the recipient of many wonderful experiences and honors; and also the opportunity to be of service. SERVICE is the key word, remembering, 'He who would be great, must be the servant of many.'

"If in my term of office, I have accomplished any good, I ask no praise. Mistakes have been made, and I trust that such will be treated charitably. The record is made. It is as the poet expresses in the Rubaiyat of Omar Kkayyom,

"The moving finger writes and having writ, moves on,
Nor all your piety nor wit shall lure it back to cancel half a line,
Nor all your tears to wash out a word of it.'"
And again:

"I am most happy to report that Royal Arch Masonry in Virginia is again on the ascendancy. This year for the first time since 1958, Grand Chapter shows a net gain of 88. Particularly significant is the fact that as of September 21, 1965, report from the Committee on Masonic Education and Service indicated that over 800 petitions had been received this year in our Subordinate Chapters. Since we exalted 675 candidates, this leaves a backlog for this coming Capitular year of 125 companions to be exalted.

"I claim no particular credit for this wonderful progress. The seeds were sown last year, the year before and before that by the illustrious Grand High Priests who have preceded me. The Program proposed by Most Excellent Benjamin E. Chapman, and adopted by this Grand Chapter at its Grand Convocation in October, 1964, is bearing fruit; and I particularly single out for praise the Committee on Masonic Education and Service, headed by Right Excellent William E.

Norman, the Grand King. One year ago, at my installation as Grand High Priest, I stated to this Grand Chapter, 'paraphrasing the words of Sir Winston Churchill, "I have not been installed Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Virginia to preside over its dissolution." I again beg leave to paraphrase Sir Winston Churchill. 'Never in the history of our Grand Chapter has so much good been accomplished by so many.'"

Elections—

Grand High Priest: M. Ex. Comp. William E. Norman.

Grand Secretary: R. Ex. Comp. Carl Frank Wood.

Virginia (1966)

The 159th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Virginia was held at Richmond, on October 25th and 26th, 1966.

Chapters 62; U.D. 1; membership September 30, 1966 — 17,839; net gain 18.

Grand High Priest: M. Ex. Comp. William E. Norman.

Deputy Grand Secretary: Leonidas R. Littleton.

The G.H.P. certainly was devoted and dedicated to the responsibilities of his high and important office, as is noted from his Address. Your Reviewer recalls him with pleasure and gratitude for many reasons, and particularly his presentation at our Grand Chapter last year of a beautiful United States Flag, which your Reviewer had the honour to acknowledge.

One finds so much of value in the Proceedings of Virginia but, regretfully, I am only able to touch on some of the highlights thereof. I feel sure the following history will be found of interest:

"Royal Arch Masonry was practiced and taught in Virginia during much of the 18th century. The first documentary evidence of the conferring of the Royal Arch Degree to be found in the world is in the possession of Fredericksburg Lodge, No. 4, at Fredericksburg, Va., and bears the date of December 22, 1753. At that time, the Royal Arch was certainly attached to the work of a regular lodge, and the work was done under the Authority of a Master's Warrant."

Most Wor. Bro. George E. Kidd, Grand Master of Masons in Virginia, in his address made some potent observations, as will be seen from the following:

"If I could leave you a word, my Brethren, it would be this. I think it much more important for us to get more Masonry into Masons rather than get more men into Masonry. I think that we are moving too fast with our degrees. We are not giving the candidates the fundamental teachings that our fraternities deserve. I think that is wherein our trouble is that causes the decline in some of our States.

"Some one has said that it would be a better world if all men were Masons. I would change that just a little and say that I am sure that this would be a better world in which to live if all the members of the Masonic Fraternity were Masons. I think that it is about time for us to forget about those classical monkeys 'Hear no evil, See no evil and Speak no evil.' I think that it is about time for us to listen, look for and speak out against those evils that would destroy us."

Your Receiver notes with regret the passing of Most Ex. Comp. William Moseley Brown, Past G.H.P., and Right Excellent Comp. Carl Frank Wood, who had been Grand Secretary since 1958. Your Reviewer

remembers these great Royal Arch Masons whom I enjoyed being with at the time of my visitation to the Grand Chapter of Virginia in Norfolk, at the time of its 150th celebration.

The address of the G.H.P. is interesting and most thought provoking as will be seen from the following excerpts:

" . . . I was particularly well received when presenting the new 50 star flag of U.S.A. to the Grand Chapters in Toronto, Ont. and Vancouver, British Columbia. I derived a peculiar pleasure in doing so to my former native habitats and place of birth and up-bringing. It was, as well, an honor in reciprocation of those friendly gestures from across our Northern Border when the Flags of Canada were presented to our Grand Chapter of Virginia, at our 1958 Sesquicentennial Celebration held in Norfolk, Va., and again last year in Richmond, Va. These flags of both Countries now grace our respective Grand Easts in token of sincere and lasting Friendship, Companionship and Co-operation. LONG MAY THE WAVE. . . "

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"The Grand Chapter's 'Program for Progress' is, as predicted, taking hold gradually, as our Chapters begin to realize the soundness built into it. There is a wealth of ideas in the High Priests Help Manual, and those Leaders who have enhanced their position by using it, even on a limited scale, are those showing greatest gains in RITUAL, ATTENDANCE and MEMBERSHIP. The records prove it."

And finally:

"Royal Arch Masonry in Virginia is definitely making progress. Whether or not there is a net gain or loss in overall membership, we find an esprit-de-corps and positive enthusiastic attitude permeating our regular stalwarts, which is bound, in time, through their good Leadership in Grand Chapter's 'Program for Progress', to expand and have an ever broadening and deeper effect among the Craft.

"More of our newly raised Master Masons are coming in, and these are mainly young men of vigor with a desire to broaden their knowledge of what they are learning in their Symbolic Lodges. This not only swells our Chapter ranks but as well, keeps them in the membership of the Lodges. In this, our Chapters can render a considerable service for the Symbolic Lodges, and vice-versa. Co-operation at Grand Chapter and Grand Lodge Level, in this respect, is most desirable for mutual benefit and a strong co-ordinated front, particularly where we all dwell together in same Lodge Halls and Temples.

"Suspensions and Demits continue to be the bane of our existence, and could be reduced considerably through education, proper administration and Leadership. We should concentrate on them all during the year — not just at the end of the year when the bills for dues remain unpaid and suspension is forced upon us by Law, when it is too late."

Elections—

Grand High Priest: M. Ex. Comp. R. M. Hamrick.

Grand Secretary: M. Ex. Comp. Wilbur Applewhite.

West Virginia

The 96th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of West Virginia was held at Wheeling, on October 10th and 11th, 1966.

Chapters 47; membership October 1st, 1966 — 10,162; net loss 88.

Grand High Priest: M. Ex. Comp. Howard K. Brown.

Grand Secretary: M. Ex. Comp. George V. Gorrell.

The G.H.P. in opening his address stated:

"... Companions, who are here for the first time, we hope to generate in you so much enthusiasm, that on your return to your respective Chapters, that you in turn inspire the other Companions to renewed interest in Royal Arch Masonry.

"One year ago, you elected me your Grand High Priest which was the greatest honor ever to have been bestowed upon me. Then I had high hopes for an increased interest in our subordinate Chapters. 'Tis seldom, however, that one is able to reach the goals he has set for himself. My health and the great distances involved in travel in our state have several times prevented me from accepting some of the invitations extended to me. I regret this very much."

In reporting on the Condition of the Craft he said:

"From reports of our Grand Lecturer and his Deputies and from my own observation, I feel that it has some weak spots. As I told you one year ago, we need more interested, younger members who will be active as to attendance, filling the chairs and learning the Ritual. We know our needs in this field, but so far no one has come up with a solution.

"When the report of one Chapter shows 40 suspensions the past year, this is certainly another unhealthy condition. Do you realize that these 40 suspensions represent almost a half of our net loss this year? I feel that with a little more interest and effort on the part of Chapter Secretaries, High Priests and other officers, this condition could be improved."

In incoming G.H.P., M. Ex. Comp. James P. Allen, in his Inaugural Address said, in part:

"The Grand Council last year conferred many times to obtain collective benefit of open discussion for a better or more efficient approach to the furthering of Royal Arch Masonry and to see if there was anything that the immediate leadership could do to eliminate those detriments or causes that has hampered the normal progress of Royal Arch Masonry."

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"My goal is not necessarily more members but — better members. Then if by chance we do grow, we have really profited by our labors."

Elections—

Grand High Priest: M. Ex. Comp. James P. Allen.

Grand Secretary: M. Ex. Comp. George V. Gorrell.

Wisconsin

The 116th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Wisconsin was held at Milwaukee, May 2nd and 3rd, 1966.

Chapters 91; membership not recorded.

Grand High Priest: M. Ex. Comp. Harold E. Krause.

Grand Secretary: M. Ex. Comp. Earl B. Bauer.

The following excerpt from the Grand High Priest's Address is worthy of note by all:

"In this message I conveyed my thoughts on symbolic Lodge members being subjected to petitioners before they receive their Master Mason Degree. I do not know if the message was taken lightly or not, but in certain areas this type of flagrant petitioning should be stopped out of respect for the Brother taking his Lodge work. Everywhere I

have gone I have urged Royal Arch Masons to bear this in mind and I wish to continue to urge this practice even if it does mean the loss of a petition. While we need every member we can get, the continued practice of this type would not be considered by your Grand High Priest as being conducive to good Masonry."

And later on we find the following:

"Leaders in all branches of Masonry are concerned with the condition of the Craft. Many changes are being made to bring Masonry up-to-date. We, in Capitular Masonry, are concerned, but not to the point that our own interests should cause more concern than those of our basic Lodge.

"Another loss in membership faces us, but unless we can impress upon the Constituent Chapter the need for active leadership, a loss in membership may continue.

"As the High Priest of Oconomowoc Chapter, Eugene O. Berger, put it in a letter to his members, 'Membership is like an ownership of a carefully crafted piece of silver. Through constant use it not only maintains its original brightness but takes on additional value and luster born of devoted care, love, and pride of ownership. If we set it away, disuse soon dims its splendour. The dust of neglect settles upon it. The tarnish of dis-interest encoats it. The cobwebs of disregard enshroud it. Value is soon lost. Companions, polish up your membership.'

"While there are dim spots on the horizon in Capitular Masonry, there are many brightones. It seems we have shaken up some of the Companions with our letters and visits this year, and we will continue to shake them up until they fully realize their responsibility not only to the Craft but to themselves.

"Companions, Masons in all areas of the State are open for additional light. See that they receive it. No where but in the Royal Arch can they receive the Grand Masonic Word. No where can they receive and feel the warmth of being called a Companion but in the Royal Arch."

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"Masonry will continue to shed its beneficent influence among men. Masonry will continue to unfold its beauties to the candid and industrious inquirer. Let us continue to support our symbolic Lodge in order that we may have Grand Chapter Convocations in the future."

The Report of the Foreign Correspondent contains the following potent observations:

"Busy people will not spend hours with hands folded listening to business and ritual which they sat through years or months ago. We must redesign our programs so as to give our meetings more educational content and become so zealous in our ritualistic work that it nears perfection. The quickest way to lose members is to expect the Companions to just attend a meeting and listen to the ritual. The Chapter must put on programs to educate the members and give them something to talk about. From Shakespeare we read 'This above all else, to thine own self be true.' Let us ask ourselves, if every member of my Chapter was a member like me, what kind of Chapter would my Chapter be? For some members the answer to such a question comes easy, but for many it would be considerably more difficult.

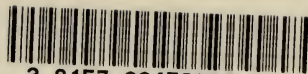
"Requesting a demit is a privilege to which every Companion is entitled. A demit is the honorable way that a Companion has of discontinuing his membership. But PLEASE issue no demits without a personal investigation of the request. If a Companion has lost interest make a special effort to find out why, so that your Chapter and the

Grand Chapter may find out where we have failed, in the endeavor to build Capitular Masonry and the York Rite. Also make every effort to avoid suspension for N.P.D. Where a Companion has been a member for years and has gone on retirement on a reduced income he may truly feel that he cannot afford to pay dues. Remission of his dues will retain him as a member."

Elections—

Grand High Priest: M. Ex. Comp. Joseph M. Van Matre.

Grand Secretary: M. Ex. Comp. Earl B. Bauer.



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